1776

America's Award Winning Musical

Synopsis:

Witness the birth of a nation as our forefathers struggle to craft the Declaration of Independence.

The seminal event in American history blazes to vivid life in this most unconventional of Broadway hits. *1776* puts a human face on the pages of history as we see the men behind the national icons: proud, frightened, uncertain, irritable, charming, often petty and ultimately noble figures, determined to do the right thing for a fledgling nation.

It's the summer of *1776*, and the nation is ready to declare independence... if only our founding fathers can agree to do it! *1776* follows John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia as they attempt to convince the members of the Second Continental Congress to vote for independence from the shackles of the British monarchy by signing the Declaration of Independence.

1776 is a funny, insightful and compelling drama with a striking score and legendary book. It is an extremely flexible show that can be performed with characters as written or as a concert version

Character Descriptions:

John Adams

Delegate from Massachusetts. John is a dutiful husband. Opinionated, passionate, and a bit boisterous, he wears his age with pride. Starving for independence from England.
Gender: Male
Age: 41 to 41
Vocal range top: F#4
Vocal range bottom: C3

Stephen Hopkins

Delegate from Rhode Island. Hopkins' drinking has led to an appearance befitting of the 2nd oldest in the Continental Congress. He has a dirty old man playfulness about him.
Gender: Male
Age: 70 to 70
Vocal range top: Eb4
Vocal range bottom: C3

Roger Sherman
Delegate from Connecticut. A coffee drinker with a penchant for hyperactivity, Sherman is a simple and balding cobbler.
Gender: Male
Age: 55 to 55
Vocal range top: Bb4
Vocal range bottom: C3

Robert Livingston
Delegate from New York. Recently a father, Livingston's disposition has become one of humility and graciousness. He has changed considerably over the years.
Gender: Male
Age: 30 to 30
Vocal range top: F4
Vocal range bottom: Bb2

Benjamin Franklin
Delegate from Pennsylvania. Franklin is intelligent, well-traveled, and pleasantly cunning. A jolly and admirable fellow with whom one would desire to have a friendship.
Gender: Male
Age: 60 to 70
Vocal range top: Eb4
Vocal range bottom: Ab2

John Dickinson
Delegate from Pennsylvania. A thin, hawkish gentleman. He is sharp-tongued and a touch detestable.
Gender: Male
Age: 44 to 44
Vocal range top: E4
Vocal range bottom: A2

Col. Thomas Mckean
Delegate from Delaware. McKean is florid and likable with a charming, yet commanding, Scottish Brogue.
Gender: Male
Age: 42 to 42
Vocal range top: Eb4
Vocal range bottom: C3

Richard Henry Lee
Delegate from Virginia, Lee is a willowy aristocrat. His flamboyancy is intoxicating and borderline infuriating.
Gender: Male
Age: 45 to 45
Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: C3

Thomas Jefferson
Delegate from Virginia. Though noticeably tall, Jefferson is mild-mannered and sweet. Along with being a well read man, he is very much in love with his wife.
Gender: Male
Age: 33 to 33
Vocal range top: G4
Vocal range bottom: C3

Edward Rutledge
Delegate from South Carolina. Despite his good looks, Rutledge is haunting and somewhat ominous as the youngest member of the Continental Congress. There is a serpent-like quality to him.
Gender: Male
Age: 26 to 26
Vocal range top: A4
Vocal range bottom: C3

Abigail Adams
Loving wife to John Adams. Intelligent, quick-witted, and talented with a pen, Abigail is a radiant and shapely beauty. Every bit as bright as her husband.
Gender: Female
Age: 32 to 32
Vocal range top: F5
Vocal range bottom: Db4

Martha Jefferson
Thomas Jefferson's very-much-in-love wife. Her looks are striking, her dancing delightful, and her humor appealing. She doesn't shy away from a good time. Joy radiates from her.
Gender: Female
Age: 27 to 27
Vocal range top: D5
Vocal range bottom: Bb3

Courier
The message runner between General Washington's army and the Continental Congress. He has witnessed the hardships of war firsthand, although his innocent disposition and appearance may imply otherwise.
Gender: Male
Age: 15 to 20
Vocal range top: Db4
Vocal range bottom: C3