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Sarah's Story: Slavery in Philadelphia
Dramatic Performance at WHYY Thursday, February 12

WHYY will present a performance of the 30-minute interactive mini-drama *Sarah's Story, Slavery in Philadelphia* beginning at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 12 in the WHYY Civic Space, 150 N. 6th Street, Philadelphia. This drama, highlighting the personal stories of slaves, slaveholders, early patriots and citizens will be followed by a discussion led by WHYY's Ed Cunningham, along with a light refreshment of coffee, tea, and dessert. *Sarah's Story* is appropriate for all ages.

The Christ Church Preservation Trust commissioned this original drama to tell authentic stories of Philadelphia's past. Sarah, an enslaved African, gives voice to those who have remained voiceless for so long, telling the real stories of Black Alice, a 116 year-old slave, who collected tolls on the Dunk's Ferry Road; of Absalom Jones, who purchased his family's freedom and founded the first African-American Episcopal Church, and others. A narrator, who provides historical context to the drama, frames Sarah's stories. The view of a slaveholder is also presented.

Non-member adult admittance, 18 and older, is \$15.00. WHYY member adult admittance, 18 and older, is \$10.00 and Children 17 and under is \$5.00.

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