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## October 2021 Events & Story Ideas

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### ***The Grand Old Lady of Prince Street: A History of the Fulton Theatre***

**Thursday, October 21, 2021**

7pm ET | Online via Zoom

On Thursday, October 21, 2021, join author and historian Leslie Stainton for a retrospective look at the history of Lancaster's Fulton Theatre, particularly the storied history of the Fulton's growth, evolution, and engagement with the Lancaster community. Stainton will share the story of the Fulton's origin in the mid-nineteenth century, the owners who shaped it and the actors who graced its stage, and what role the theatre played in the community. While most theatres fell into disrepair throughout the early years of the twentieth century or succumbed to the popularization of the movie theater, how did the Fulton Theatre persevere and what does that say about the Lancaster community? Learn this and more at our upcoming October Colloquium.

**Leslie Stainton** is the author of *Staging Ground: An American Theater and Its Ghosts* (Penn State Press, 2014), a history-memoir about one of America's most haunted buildings, the Fulton Theatre of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Stainton has written essays for the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Sun Magazine*, *American Scholar*, *Michigan Quarterly Review*, *River Teeth*, and other publications. A two-time Fulbright award recipient, Stainton holds a BA in drama from Franklin and Marshall College and an MFA in dramaturgy from the University of Massachusetts. She lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she teaches writing at the University of

Michigan Residential College. Stainton is at work on a book about her slaveholding ancestors, the Scarletts of Georgia. She serves on the board of directors of the Slave Dwelling Project and is a past board member of Coming to the Table.

## HOW TO REGISTER

This event will take place **online via Zoom** on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 7pm Eastern. **This is NOT an in-person event.**

The program is free and open to the public but requires advance registration. Register online by visiting [lancasterhistory.org/events](https://lancasterhistory.org/events) or by calling (717) 392-4633. **Your link to the Zoom event will be emailed to you upon successful registration.** Registration for this program will close online on October 21 at 6:50pm ET.

## LANCASTERHISTORY HOURS OF OPERATION

**Open Wednesdays - Saturdays, 9:30am - 5pm**

Tours of Wheatland available Wednesdays - Saturdays, 10am to 3pm

Limited-capacity | Reservations recommended

Plan your visit by reviewing LancasterHistory's

[Health & Safety Protocols for Visitors](#) and [FAQs](#).

**PLEASE NOTE:** President James Buchanan's Wheatland will be closed to the public November 14 - 23, 2021 in preparation for Yuletide at Wheatland. All operations of LancasterHistory will be closed Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving.