

An Evening With Florence Nightingale
Sample RAVE reviews from event professionals:

Candy Campbell traces the pattern of Hal Holbrook's Mark Twain Tonight for authenticity and historical gravitas leavened with a sparking wit.

- Bill Buchanan, CEO, Buchanan & Associates LLC, San Francisco, CA

After our publicist discovered "Dr. Candy Campbell: The Innovation Nurse" online (<https://florencenightingalelive.com>), I was awestruck. Finally, we had found a professional historical interpreter, who not only possesses the skills of a classically trained actress, but the work ethic and oratorical expertise to appeal to a variety of demographics; namely the corporate sector, into which History At Play, LLC has been increasing our involvement over the years. Upon meeting Candy on a research visit to D.C., I was delighted to discover that I had not only found a kindred spirit, but also a generous soul, who goes above and beyond to bolster those in whom she believes. Collaborating with Candy on History At Play, LLC's episodic livestream series "Pay-Per-HAP" was a delight and our History Loving Family and Patrons were mesmerized by her skill, not only as a historian, but also as a spoken word performance artist. Never have I seen an integration of contemporary pop culture performance art blended with historical interpretation in a manner that educated and amazed simultaneously. My hope is to share the physical stage with Candy Campbell as an historical interpreter and actress. Candy is an immaculate performer, consummate professional, and friend. Thank you for your talent and dedication! BRAVA & HUZAH!

-Judith Kalaora, CEO/President, History-At-Play, Boston, Mass.

We've never seen a better one-person performance. Now there are some comedians such as Colin Quinn, Martin Short, Steven Wright, Jerry Seinfeld whom I've seen do hour long stand up shows that are also amazing. Hal Holbrook was pretty good in his Mark Twain. But for dramatic presentation, with humorous touches, Candy really has the great act. Florence Nightingale was, up until now, not a subject of particular interest to me. Just some historical figure. Well, no more!

Now's she someone I'm thrilled to have met! Candy's performance as Florence was so entertaining, so theatrically finessed, that learning the actually fascinating history was simply an unavoidable side-effect. The framing device of the Archangel Michael time-transporting her to our day, the first person narrative shifting to three-way dialogs of Florence and her mother and father, or retorts from the Army surgeon, or, twirling on stage, remembering her teenage calling to become a nurse against the convention of her privileged family, an occasional song fragment at which Ms. Campbell is amazingly gifted, all of this conveyed a whole life in the liveliest of ways. This was a spectacular performance. We'd like to see Candy LIVE, maybe on tour, or preferably on Broadway!

-Ken Hantman, Co-Founder, R3Results, Pittsburgh, PA

Candy is an amazing professional speaker, healthcare worker and human being. Candy channels Florence Nightingale to share historical and philosophical expertise on healthcare topics. I recommend her program for any organization. She works closely with the program chair to craft and deliver meaningful, engaging and thoughtful programs tailored to the organization. Thank you, Candy for sharing Florence Nightingale with our organization.

-Tony Woodall, Event chair, The Golden Gate Breakfast Club, San Francisco, CA

Candy Campbell came to Pleasanton as part of the Museum on Main's Ed Kinney Speaker Series. She portrayed Florence Nightingale to an audience of over 450 people. As the person in charge of booking performers for the series, I have a lot of experience working with actors and scholars. Candy Campbell from start to finish was highly professional. She clearly articulated her needs as a performer and promptly responded to any questions or requests from the museum. She was prompt in sending a detailed contract and was flexible when the museum needed change her performance from 2 smaller shows to one large performance to over 450 people. She was prepared, professional and friendly on the evening of the performance and generously donated 5% of all proceeds from her book and DVD sales from the night back to the museum. We would have no reservations about hiring her again.

Candy Campbell's performance was unlike most Chautauqua performances. Like all successful Chautauqua scholars, she is incredibly knowledgeable about her character. What sets her apart is her background in theater and education. She has a stage presence that makes her character come alive in a way most Chautauqua style performances don't. It was more than a monologue, it was a story of Florence Nightingale's calling to become a nurse, her struggles to become a nurse, and her triumphs in the field of nursing seamlessly woven together by Candy Campbell. Candy's use of voices, humor, music, and full stage movement provided a truly captivating and authentic performance. Candy, as Florence Nightingale, sets up the audience by explaining she has come from heaven to share her story. This pretense allows Candy's depiction of Nightingale to make connections between Florence Nightingale's time and our current healthcare system that otherwise wouldn't be possible, and as a result, her performance was more relevant than most. We would highly recommend Candy Campbell to any organization looking to engage lovers of history and honor nurses in their community.

-Sarah Schaefer, Education Director, Museum on Main, Pleasanton, CA

Candy is definitely in her element as Florence Nightingale. Her presentation was well-received by the audience and it certainly adds a different type of teaching format, instead of the usual PPT lecture and discussion. A breathe of fresh air to our conference.

-Shirley Farrah, Assistant Dean of Nursing, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia, MO

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the INS annual conference changed from in-person to a virtual format. The conversion to a virtual format was full of challenges. We wanted an opening presentation that would captivate and inspire our attendees. Dr. Campbell's character portrayal of Florence Nightingale did not disappoint! Happily, she was able to tune in live from her home studio and transport our attendees back in history with her fascinating portrayal of our founding leader. Dr. Campbell combined her years of research and professional acting experience to provide our attendees with an informative, engaging, impassioned and light-hearted presentation. Attendees described her as inspirational, passionate, humorous, and realistic. This was the perfect session to begin the INS 2020 virtual conference!

-Marlene M. Steinheiser, PhD, RN, CRNI Director of Clinical Education, Infusion Nurses Society

Candy does a superb job as Florence Nightingale and the re-enactment had me close to tears. A highly inspirational piece of art that uplifts and energizes our nursing profession. Thank you for presenting for our Nurses Week program!

-Elizabeth Scala, MSN/MBA, RN, elizabethscala.com

For decades I have known Candy Campbell from our involvement in the National Speakers Association. When I saw she was booked to speak to a group I belong to I had high expectations. Wow! Candy was in character for her presentation and then spoke as herself. Her attention to detail, vast knowledge about Florence Nightingale, history, and social implications from that time and how it relates to modern living was very impressive. As a presentation expert and Past President of the National Speakers Association, I am proud to be her colleague.

-Patricia Fripp, DTM, Presentation Skills Expert

“Like Nightingale, Candy Campbell also had *the calling*, and has lived the life of a nurse. She also had *the calling* to be an entertainer, with that addicting desire to touch others’ lives through performance... Lucky for us!

This author could actually BE the Florence Nightingale of this generation, and more. Her writing and story telling is brilliant. After you read this motivating true story, you’ll realize that your journey has only just begun. I guarantee you’ll be inspired and feel that you MUST see Candy Campbell’s live show. I’ve seen the performance; you feel that you’re actually in a session with Florence Nightingale! It’s an epic tribute to a true hero.”

-Chris Hennessy, filmmaker, motivational speaker, creator of *Touched by Hann*

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