

SEPTEMBER 15

Eleanor Roosevelt "Brother Can You Spare a Dime?"

by Jessica Michna of
First Impressions

2 pm



Watch history come to life when Racine actress and historical impersonator, Jessica Michna, will play the role of former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt in the performance of “Brother Can You Spare a Dime?”

The show deals with the Great Depression, the worst economic catastrophe the nation has ever known, and how the former First Lady and her husband, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, dealt with the crisis under enormous pressure.

As he remarked to a friend soon after being elected in 1932, FDR believed the country’s economic problems needed to be solved immediately or he would be the United States’ last president.

Eleanor Roosevelt went on to become perhaps the nation’s highest-profile advocate for Americans most seriously affected by the Great Depression. She was later called “The First Lady of the World” by former President Harry S. Truman.

“Brother Can You Spare a Dime?” captures the former First Lady during her husband’s 1936 reelection campaign as she looks back on the accomplishments of the previous four years and what remains to be done in the future.