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Gala

**Commemorating Revolutionary Roots
Lifetime Achievement Award Honorees
Glenn Close and Dr. Jane Kamensky**

Thursday, April 23, 2026, 6 p.m.– 9 p.m.

Boston Harbor Hotel, 70 Rowes Wharf

Gala Patrons

Brady and Jessica Brim-DeForest of Balvaird and Blairlogie

Please join us for the **2026 American Stories, American Lives Gala** for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity when we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. We invite you to mark this special moment in our country's history as we honor our shared past and look toward the next chapter of the American story. American Ancestors is recognized nationally and internationally as the gold standard in historic research, interpretation, and preservation since our founding in 1845. We look forward to welcoming you!

We are proud to present American Ancestors' Lifetime Achievement Awards to Glenn Close, one of the most revered actresses of her generation, whose eight Academy Award nominations and numerous honors across film, television, and theater reflect a career of extraordinary artistic range and impact; and to Dr. Jane Kamensky, President and CEO of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, a distinguished historian whose scholarship and public leadership have profoundly shaped the study and interpretation of early American history.



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Proceeds of the American Stories, American Lives Gala help fund our groundbreaking work, including educational programs, original research and scholarship, publications, online services, and content development. By exploring family histories, we uncover the stories of our ancestors—their triumphs, struggles, cultures, and traditions—and bring context and meaning to the world in which we live.

To purchase tickets and benefactor packages, please [click here](#). Kindly RSVP by April 10, 2026.

Benefactor Levels	Revere \$2,500	Franklin \$5,000	Jefferson \$10,000	Adams \$25,000	Washington \$50,000
Knowing That Your Philanthropy is Supporting the Mission	X	X	X	X	X
Optional Number of Tickets	3	4	6	8	16
Recognition in Printed Program	X	X	X	X	X
Recognition on American Ancestors Website	X	X	X	X	X
Recognition in Email Invitations		X	X	X	X
Recognition in <i>American Ancestors</i> Magazine and Annual Report			X	X	X
Thanked in President's Remarks				X	X
Listed in Event Presentation				X	X
Ad in the Printed Program				Half	Full

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