

# Film Critic: 1776

## Rationale

1776 accurately illustrates the difficulties faced by the Second Continental Congress leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

## Principal characters and original cast (1972)

John Adams – William Daniels  
Benjamin Franklin – Howard Da Silva  
Thomas Jefferson – Ken Howard  
John Dickinson – Paul Hecht  
Edward Rutledge – Clifford David  
John Hancock – David Ford  
Richard Henry Lee – Ronald Holgate  
Martha Jefferson – Betty Buckley  
Abigail Adams – Virginia Vestoff  
Charles Thomson – Ralston Hill  
Andrew McNair – William Duell

## Links

- Internet Movie Database: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0068156/>
  - Plot Summary: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0068156/plotsummary>
  - Plot Synopsis: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0068156/synopsis>
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  - Buy film: [http://www.amazon.com/1776-Restored-Directors-William-Daniels/dp/B000067D1R/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=dvd&ie=UTF8&qid=1326208138&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/1776-Restored-Directors-William-Daniels/dp/B000067D1R/ref=sr_1_1?s=dvd&ie=UTF8&qid=1326208138&sr=1-1)
- 1776 The Musical's Official Website: <http://1776themusical.us/index.htm>  
Information about current stage productions of the musical including interviews, audio clips, and other resources.