



**Charlotte and Susan Cushman as Romeo and Juliet. Burselm, Staffordshire, ca. 1852. Folger ART Inv. 1095 (realia)**

Charlotte Cushman, active in the mid-nineteenth century, was one of the first American actresses to gain international fame. Though known for her female roles, including Lady Macbeth and Nancy Sykes in *Oliver Twist*, her career was also full of male roles, including Hamlet, Cardinal Wolsey -- a first for a woman -- and Romeo. Charlotte's Romeo, paired with her sister Susan as Juliet, was a popular image in print and porcelain.

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