
Gerald Dickens to Perform “A Christmas Carol” Nov. 3

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO (Oct. 13, 2017) - Mr. Dickens comes to Cambridge, Ohio! Gerald Dickens, the great-great grandson of literary icon, Charles Dickens that is! This outstanding actor from Oxford, England will be visiting and performing *A Christmas Carol* on November 3, 2017 as part of Dickens Victorian Village's 12th Anniversary celebration. Cambridge his first stop in the US and his only performance in the state of Ohio.

Mr. Dickens first stop will be at the Dickens Welcome Center & Curiosity Shoppe (745 Steubenville Ave.) where everyone is welcome for a signing of a special selection of books and gifts from 2 to 3 p.m.

That same evening at 7 p.m., Dickens Victorian Village will present *A Christmas Carol* at the Scottish Rite Auditorium (941 Wheeling Ave.). This timeless seasonal classic will be performed by Gerald Charles Dickens, who presents a captivating rendition of this heartwarming holiday tale.

Gerald Dickens bears more than a passing resemblance to his famous ancestor, who originally toured the U.S. in 1867 reading his literary works before spellbound audiences. The historians report that *A Christmas Carol* was his favorite piece to perform. According to Gerald, his great-great grandfather adored theater and initially wanted to be an actor but pursued writing as a career for practical purposes.

For many years Gerald says that he himself “avoided anything to do with Dickens like the plague.” But in 1993 when a friend asked him to do a reading of *A Christmas Carol* on its 150th anniversary of publication to help raise money for a historical restoration project, he couldn't turn him down.

To his surprise, he enjoyed doing it and has been delighting audiences around the world with his rendition ever since. This fall Gerald Dickens returns to the U.S. for his 2017 tour that will take him to both coasts with many stops in between.

During his energetic one-man show, Gerald Dickens conjures *A Christmas Carol* with just a table, wing chair and hat rack accompanying him on stage. As he leaps, sobs, and laughs, 26 characters of the classic tale are brought vividly to life. Gerald has created different postures and voices for each character, achieving this so adeptly that the audience has no doubt about “who is who,” so to speak.

His performance is produced by Byers' Choice Ltd., makers of the nationally-known Carolers® and Kindles® figurines, located in Chalfont, Penn. Says Bob Byers, President of Byers' Choice Ltd., “It's a wonderful show--a great family tradition--the best way I know of to kick off the holiday season.”

All photographs, audio and video recordings are prohibited during Mr. Dickens' performances. Mr. Dickens will be available for photo opportunities after his performance.

Dickens Victorian Village is a unique holiday attraction in downtown Cambridge, Ohio in November and December each year. It showcases There are 189 handmade mannequins representing classic scenes from Victorian society. Be sure to stay late enough to enjoy the magnificent Guernsey County courthouse light show from 5:30 to 9 p.m. each evening.

For more information on Gerald Dickens' performance or other Dickens Victorian Village events, log onto DickensVictorianVillage.com or call 740-421-4956. For Dickens Victorian Village overnight packages, log onto VisitGuernseyCounty.com.

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