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**STOROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM PRESENTS  
"AN EVENING WITH CHARLES DICKENS: THE PICKWICK PAPERS & OTHER TALES"**

Storowton Village Museum's annual First Person Presentation will focus this year on Charles Dickens' "The Pickwick Papers" and his visit to America, stopping in Hartford, Conn., and Springfield, Mass. The museum will bring living historian Rick Corbo and his performance of "An Evening with Charles Dickens: The Pickwick Papers & Other Tales" to its historic Union Meetinghouse Friday, January 21, from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

During the presentation, Corbo will dress as Charles Dickens and read from the trial in The Pickwick Papers, which was one of Dickens' favorites and a funny courtroom story. The evening will include a question and answer period and audience participation will be encouraged.

Jessica K. Fontaine, director of Storowton Village Museum, said, "We are pleased to be able to bring our yearly program to those who are history buffs or interested in the works of Charles Dickens. Rick Corbo has been with us for other presentations and we are thrilled to have him back acting in this humorous one man show."

Corbo's educational background is in theater. He has performed for the award-winning, Connecticut-based puppet company, Elmwood Productions, and starred in the popular EWTN Network series, *Saints Versus Scoundrels*. He has performed as Charles Dickens for an original Christmas special also by EWTN Network titled *Reclaiming the Carol*, as well as at Storowton Village Museum's 2021 Yuletide with an abridged reading of the 1843 holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*.

Tickets to Storowton Village Museum's annual First Person Presentation are \$8 per person in advance at [www.storowtonvillage.com](http://www.storowtonvillage.com) or in the Gift Shop the day of the event. The evening will also be offered via Zoom. Livestream participation is \$5 per person in advance on the website. A link will be emailed for viewing live or watching at a later date.

For more information, please call 413-205-5051.

*Note: Village programs occur rain or shine. In the event of extreme winter weather, the presentation will be solely livestreamed. Should the in-person portion be cancelled, no refunds will be issued, however visitors purchasing advance tickets will receive a discount on a future program or tour.*

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**ABOUT STOROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM**

Storowton Village Museum, an educational arm of Eastern States Exposition (501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization) and located on its grounds in West Springfield, Mass., presents hands-on school programs and guided tours of its historic buildings throughout the year as well as seasonal 19th century-themed events. For more information, visit [storowtonvillage.com](http://storowtonvillage.com) or call 413-205-5051.