



# DICKENS DAILY

NEWS FROM YE OLDE LONDON



## A VISIT FROM CHARLES DICKENS

Charles Dickens will make many appearances throughout the weekend. He is portrayed with charm and authenticity by famed actor and storyteller Jimi Kinstle.

*Chestertown's Annual Dickens of a Christmas weekend brings non-stop fun, shopping, dining, and discovery inspired by Victorian London.*

The merriment begins on Friday, December 5 as Beers & Bonfires usher in the season with crackling firepits, joyful carolers, lively student bands, and festive visits from Queen Victoria, Charles Dickens, and Father Christmas himself. The evening crescendos with a stirring performance by the world-renowned Celtic ensemble, The Devils Brigade (formerly The American Rogues).

On Saturday morn, the festivities continue at a brisk Victorian pace with our annual Run Like the Dickens 5K run and walk. Throughout the day, enjoy charming carriage rides, a delightful petting zoo, hearty British-inspired fare, splendid holiday wares, and hands-on activities sure to enchant visitors of all ages.



THE  
DEVIL'S  
BRIGADE  
*(Formerly  
THE AMERICAN ROGUES)*

North America's  
Celtic Band

Back for another year as the official band of Dickens of a Christmas, this Canadian/American group brings a high-energy, high-caliber sound that has electrified audiences on three continents. Playing Celtic and world music THE DEVIL'S BRIGADE has established themselves as international artists renowned for their musical skill and warm audience engagement. The band's epic, multi-instrumental sound crosses musical borders to include jigs, reels, hornpipes, ballads, originals, covers, sound tracks, patriotic and military music, and Irish foot-stompers.

DECEMBER  
5 - 6 2025



## HISTORICAL ROYAL VISIT

Her Majesty, Queen Victoria will grace the colonies for a special visit to Chestertown. She will greet her loyal subjects at the opening ceremony on Friday evening. Her Highness has not been seen in public since 1901.

## More Holiday Happenings

Historic Chestertown Ghost Tours  
Kent Historical Society  
Beginning December 1

Garfield Center for the Arts  
Cinderella ~ Now through December 21

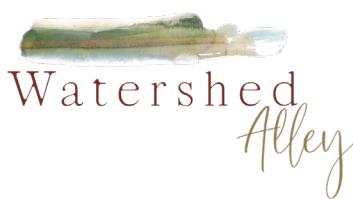
River Arts Holiday Show & Sale  
Now through December 22

Church Hill Theater  
A Christmas Carol ~ December 19-21  
Chestertown Farmers & Artisans Market  
Saturdays 8:00am-12:00pm  
High Street, Chestertown  
Visit Santa's House  
Saturdays through December 20  
10am - 12:00pm

## SPONSORS



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## YOUR HOST FOR A DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS

A Dickens of a Christmas is a production of Main Street Chestertown, whose mission is to foster an inviting, diverse and prosperous downtown.

Main Street's vision for Chestertown is a welcoming and vibrant riverfront community where people of all ages and backgrounds are drawn to live, work, shop, and enjoy recreational and cultural activities in a beautiful setting.

## FONDLY REMEMBERED



This year's Dickens celebration is dedicated to the cherished memory of Kathleen King, one of the festival's founding visionaries and the gifted graphic designer whose iconic illustrations helped define the very spirit of our Dickensian world. Kathleen's artistry gave our event its whimsical charm and timeless character, but it was her warmth, generosity, and steadfast belief in community that truly lit the way. As we gather in holiday cheer, we honor her enduring legacy - woven into every program, every playful detail, and every joyful moment shared this weekend. Kathleen's creative soul continues to guide us, and her memory remains ever present in the heart of Dickens.

## FRIDAY BEERS & BONFIRES

A Dickens tradition and the perfect way to start the weekend! Warm up by the firepits and enjoy a selection of cold craft beers, hot cider, mulled wine, and lively music.

Beverage and Food Tents  
Open at 5pm

Carriage Rides from 6-8pm

**FABULOUS FIRST FRIDAY**  
Downtown Shops Open until 8pm  
for Holiday Shopping

## Friday on the MAIN STAGE

- 5:00PM OPENING CEREMONIES
- 5:30PM GARNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHORUS
- 6:00PM KENT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND
- 6:30PM RIVER VOICES
- 7:00PM THE DEVIL'S BRIGADE



## SATURDAY FESTIVITIES

Stroll through London Row to discover quality merchandise, fresh produce, holiday greens and wreaths, specialty wares, and hearty Dickensian fare – then continue your wanderings, for the day is filled with merry delights you won't want to miss!

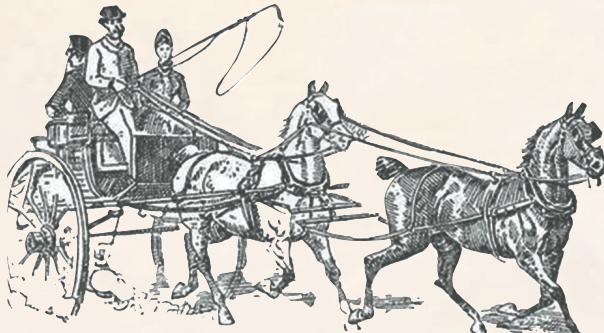
- 7:00AM RUN LIKE THE DICKENS 5K RUN/WALK REGISTRATION\*
- 8:00AM RUN LIKE THE DICKENS 5K RUN/WALK RACE\*
- 9:00AM LONDON ROW VENDORS OPEN
- 10:00AM HERITAGE VILLAGE OPEN  
BEVERAGE TENT OPEN  
TAROT CARD READINGS IN THE VAULT  
SANTA'S HOUSE  
HOLIDAY HOME TOUR\*  
MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT
- 10:30AM THE WHEELMEN
- 11:00AM TINY TIM'S CORNER AND PETTING ZOO  
FOOD VENDORS OPEN
- 12:00PM CARRIAGE RIDES OPEN
- 1:00PM VICTORIAN TEA\*
- 2:00PM PALM READINGS IN THE VAULT  
BOOKPLATE AUTHOR EVENT  
HEAR MATTHEW DAVIS AT EMMANUAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
- 5:00PM 13 UNMERRY MONSTERS\*

\* Ticketed Event

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or pick up tickets at  
Heritage Village  
Welcome Center



## Saturday on the MAIN STAGE

- 10:30AM O'MCPUB BAND
- 11:30AM BALTIMORE PIPE BAND
- 12:00PM MOODY'S STUDENT DRUMMERS
- 12:30PM O'MCPUB BAND
- 1:30PM JIMI KINTSLE PRESENTS
- 2:30PM BALTIMORE PIPE BAND
- 3:30PM THE DEVIL'S BRIGADE
- 5:00PM FOND FAREWELL

## TINY TIM'S CORNER

11AM-3PM

- PETTING ZOO
- VICTORIAN BOWLING
- YARD GAMES
- FACE PAINTER
- BALLOON TWISTER
- MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
- MAGICKIAN



## HERITAGE VILLAGE

- NERD TRAVEL
- WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF WAC
- WILDLY NATIVE FLOWER FARM
- MUSEUMS OF KENT COUNTY
- RIVER ARTS
- BESPOKE CHOCOLATE
- MILLINERS OF OLD LONDON
- MARIANNE SADE

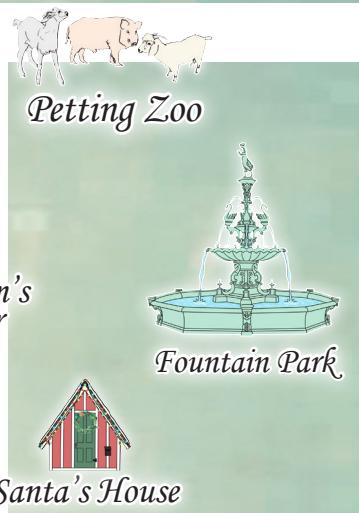
## YE OLDE LONDON

CANNON STREET

### SPRING AVENUE



Tiny Tim's  
Corner



London Row

Heritage Village  
Welcome Center  
& The Vault  
(The Bank)  
211 High Street

CROSS STREET



HIGH STREET



Public  
Parking  
(Courthouse)

Main Stage

Run Like the Dickens  
5K Walk/Run



MAPLE AVENUE (RTE. 213)