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WITH A WEEKEND OF NEW  
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# DICKENS

ON THE STRAND

**DEC. 5-7, 2025 - 52ND ANNUAL CELEBRATION  
GALVESTON'S WORLD FAMOUS VICTORIAN HOLIDAY FESTIVAL**

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AN ADVERTISING SUPPLEMENT TO THE GALVESTON COUNTY DAILY NEWS

# Dickens on The Strand celebrates 52nd year, Dec. 5-7, on historic Galveston Island

A landmark event 52 years in the making returns to Galveston's historic downtown for the 52nd annual anniversary of Galveston Historical Foundation's (GHF) Dickens on The Strand. The event, GHF's largest fundraiser, returns the first weekend in December for three days of the sights and sounds of Charles Dickens' work, surrounded by the island's unmatched Victorian-era architecture. This annual festival begins Friday, Dec. 5, with free admission to Fezziwig's Beer Hall from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and continues with ticketed entry on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7, from noon to 6 p.m.

Tickets purchased at the gate are \$25 for adults and \$18 for youth. Discounted tickets for GHF members are available for \$15 in advance or \$20 at the gate. Attendees in Victorian costumes receive 50 percent off entry.

"The 52nd annual Dickens



Scan the QR code for tickets or visit [www.dickensonthestrand.org](http://www.dickensonthestrand.org)

on The Strand stands as a testament to Galveston's enduring commitment to preserving and celebrating our cultural and architectural heritage," GHF Executive Director Dwayne Jones said. "Each year, this festival unites guests, residents, volunteers, and performers in an experience that honors Victorian tradition while enriching our community today."

Based on 19th-century Victorian London, the annual holiday street festival features parades, non-stop entertainment on multiple stages, strolling carolers, roving musicians, bagpipers, jugglers and other entertainers. Costumed vendors peddle their wares from street stalls and rolling carts laden with holiday food and drink, Victorian-inspired crafts, clothing, jewelry, holiday



decorations and gift items.

## NEW IN 2025

This year's event features callbacks to past event programs and new offerings.

### VISITING DICKENS DESCENDANTS

Each year, Dickens on The Strand welcomes representatives from the Charles Dickens family. This year's event features Oliver "Ollie" Dickens, the great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens at special events, meet and greets and appearances throughout the festival all weekend.

### THE ARTFUL DODGER'S AFTER DARK

Step into the shadows of Victorian London at The Artful Dodger's After Dark, an exclusive nighttime experience at the Galveston Historic Seaport. Inspired by Charles Dickens' most charming rogue, this evening invites you to revel in a world of firelight, fog and festive mischief.

As twilight falls on the waterfront, the historic tall ship glows with dramatic uplight-

ing, while fog rolls across the dock to set the scene. Gather around crackling fire barrels as fire dancers ignite the night and aerialists take to the silks high above the pier, filling the air with daring feats and breathtaking spectacle. Please note: This is a 21+ event.

7-9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, \$35/\$75-VIP per person

### EXPANDED CONTESTS AND HIGHLAND GAMES HEAVY ATHLETICS

Alongside beloved traditions like the costume and beard

contests as well as the bed races, this year's event features lively additions that elevate the experience for visitors of all ages. Guests can cheer on feats of strength in keg lifting, join the fun of the fast-feast challenge and enjoy the energy and athleticism of newly introduced Highland Games demonstrations.

Together, these activities enrich the festival's immersive atmosphere, offering a vibrant mix of history, humor and camaraderie that continues to define Dickens on The Strand.



STUART VILLANUEVA/The Daily News file photo

Two women in Victorian-era garb walk under their umbrellas on a soggy day at Dickens on The Strand in Galveston on Dec. 7, 2024.

# Stop by vendor stalls for shopping, good eats and lively libations

## Smithfield Market

- Pecos Pete's All-Natural Tea & Soda Company
- Heritage Meat Pies
- RAR Grill
- The Fern Meadery
- Chet's Grill
- Scandinavian Folk Dancers of Houston
- African American Heritage Committee

## Petticoat Lane

- Y's Metal and Tackle Art
- Galveston Island Farmers Market
- Galveston Island Market
- Blacksmiths
- Outdoor Republic

## Covent Market

- Tres Flores Funnel Cakes
- Mama's Corny Cob
- J3 Cajun
- Concessions World Grille
- Gomez Catering

## Borough Market

- Sir Lawrence Fun Foods
- NFA Grill
- Thirsty Bee Meadery
- Linda Chans Concessions
- Pecos Pete

- Doc's Street Grill
- Brewphoria Coffee & Drinkery
- Fat Cake Pancake House

## Ebenezer's Retail

- Dickens on The Strand Official Festival Merchandise
- Amber & Christmas Ornaments
- RD Vincent
- Ye Olde Maps
- GiGis Altered Objects
- Little Cherry Toys
- A Holistic Solution
- Panoply Decor
- Mainu's Boutique
- The Linkery
- The League Kempner House
- Caveat Emptor Historical Millinery
- Victorian Thymes

## Soho Market

- Emily Grace Palettes
- Scrooge and Cratchit Detectives
- Ball High School JROTC
- Win1WinAll
- Catalano Creations
- Good Knight Quilts
- Gaslamp Books
- Purdy Girl Boutique
- Sweet Christine's Brittle
- Forgotten Arts Quilts
- The Toy Crafter LLC
- Elements of Anatolia
- Pecans By Karen
- Blue Face Monkey
- Cat and Quill Crafts
- Ye Olde Soapbox
- Rugged Beard Co
- History of Names
- Alison Julien Collection
- Artisan Woodworks Of Magnolia
- Two Toppers
- Round Table Gourmet
- FlorVino Winery
- The Lords Fine Works
- Inca Wasi Arts and Crafts
- Barking Bad
- Boss Wench
- SizzerChick Designs
- Catching Crystals
- Dickens Ornaments and Decor
- Red Beard Treasures
- Round Table Gourmet
- Isla Cafe
- The Lather & The Wick Soap and Candle Co
- Food of Life
- Dickens Bells
- WildFlyer Mead and Beer Co



Vendor list is subject to change. For the latest list, visit [www.dickensonthestrand.org](http://www.dickensonthestrand.org).



FRI, DEC. 5 - 5-9 pm | SAT, DEC. 6 - 10 am-9 pm | SUN., DEC. 7 - 12-6 pm | ADULTS: \$25 | YOUTH (7-12): \$18 | GHF MEMBERS: \$20 | CHILDREN 6 & UNDER: FREE | COSTUMED ATTENDEES GET 1/2 OFF ADMISSION

# LESS HUMBUG, MORE HUZDAH AT DICKENS ON THE STRAND!

- THREE TICKET TYPES FOR ADMISSION -  
VISIT [DICKENSONTHESTRAND.ORG](http://DICKENSONTHESTRAND.ORG) TO GET YOURS TODAY!



## GENERAL FESTIVAL ADMISSION

Admission to festival grounds for stages, vendors, street performances, and more! Adults: \$25 | Youth: \$18 | Victorian Costumes 1/2 Off



## FESTIVAL VIP ADMISSION

Two-day admission with exclusive Strand balcony access, commemorative medallion, and more. Adults: \$100 | Youth: \$40



## THE DICKENS GOLDEN TICKET

Access to EVERY Dickens event plus VIP access, commemorative medallion, and parade carriage ride. \$1,000 (limited quantity)

## DON'T MISS THE MERCH

Ebenezer's retail at 23rd and The Strand is your festival stop for official Dickens on The Strand merchandise. From a variety of beloved holiday books to logoed products and more, you're sure to find something for everyone on your list. Naughty or nice! Open daily during festival hours.



## NEW! HIGHLAND GAME HEAVY ATHLETICS

Watching kilted athletes hurl, lift, and labor through contests served with muscle, mischief, and unmistakable pride. You'll get a front row seat to this new addition to Dickens on The Strand, **Saturday and Sunday at Trafalgar Square!**



## COSTUME CONTEST

Ready to show off your hard costuming work? Held on Saturday at 4 P.M. at the Westminster Abbey Stage, prizes will be awarded for Victorian Woman, Victorian Man, Victorian Family, and more. **Enter from 2-4 p.m. via the Costume Contest Booth at the Westminster Abbey Stage!**



NEW!

## THE ARTFUL DODGER'S AFTER DARK AT THE GALVESTON HISTORIC SEAPORT, HOME OF THE 1877 ELISSA

Presented by First Bank

Inspired by Charles Dickens' most charming rogue, this evening invites you to revel in a world of firelight, fog, and festive mischief. Gather around crackling fire barrels as burlesque dancers ignite the night and aerialists take to the silks high above the pier, filling the air with daring feats and breathtaking spectacle. **21+. Sat., Dec. 6. 7 P.M. \$40 / \$75-VIP.**



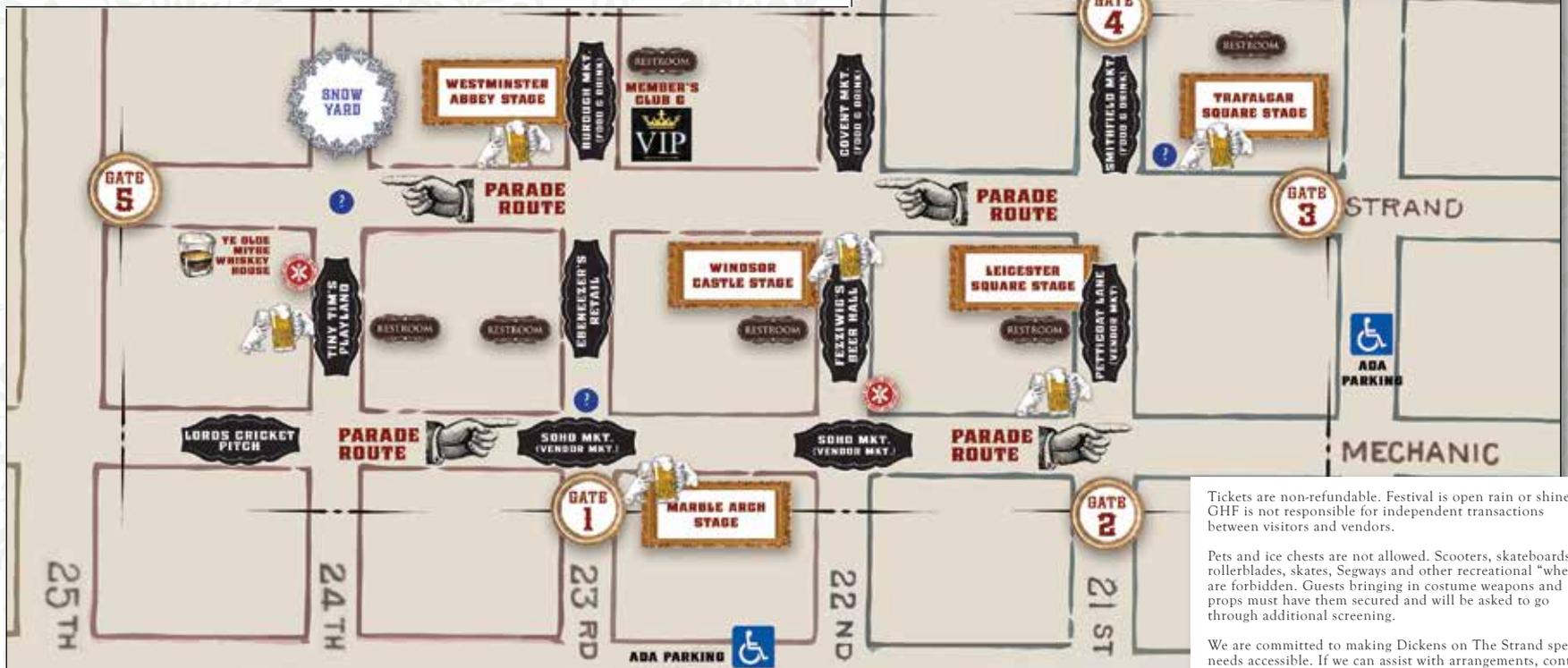
## FREE! DICKENS SCAVENGER HUNT

Presented by Visit Galveston

Bring the world of Charles Dickens to life with a lively one-hour scavenger hunt that sends guests exploring every corner of the festival grounds. Participants follow clever clues inspired by beloved characters, historic settings, and memorable storylines—uncovering hidden details and solving puzzles along the way. Designed for all ages, this fast-paced adventure blends literary fun with hands-on discovery, encouraging visitors to engage with the festival's themes, performers, and spaces in a fresh, interactive way. It's an energetic, story-driven challenge that adds movement, camaraderie, and a touch of Victorian whimsy to the day's festivities. **Sat., Dec. 6. 1-6:30 P.M. & Sun., Dec. 7. 2-6 P.M.**



Admission to London Wharf (Pier 22) and the 1877 ELISSA, the Official Tall Ship of Texas, are included with your festival admission. Please note, admission to the Ship To Shore attraction is not included in your festival ticket.



Tickets are non-refundable. Festival is open rain or shine. GHF is not responsible for independent transactions between visitors and vendors.

Pets and ice chests are not allowed. Scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, skates, Segways and other recreational "wheels" are forbidden. Guests bringing in costume weapons and props must have them secured and will be asked to go through additional screening.

We are committed to making Dickens on The Strand special needs accessible. If we can assist with arrangements, contact us at 409-765-3459 in advance of your visit.

## FREE! PEZZIWIG'S FRIDAY (5-9 PM)

### FRIDAY FESTIVAL KICKOFF!

Raise a glass to a night of music, fun, and friends in Fezziwig's Beer Hall!



### FRI. DEC. 5

	5 P.M. The Traveling Pianist
	5:15 P.M. Keg Tapping
	6:00 P.M. The Bilge Pumps
	7 P.M. Darryl Cleveland
	8 P.M. The Traveling Pianist

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Visit [dickensonthestrand.org](http://dickensonthestrand.org) for details and reservations, and make this year's event a history-making one!

### SAINT ARNOLD'S STRAND WALKING TOURS

Presented by Saint Arnold Brewing Company  
Learn about the history of The Strand and enjoy some of Saint Arnold Brewing Company's signature ales during these daily tours. **Fri.-Sun., Dec. 5-7. \$35.**



### BLEVENSES ON THE PIER

Presented by the Galveston County Daily News  
Join us at the 1877 Tall Ship ELISSA for tea and cookies with a touch of history, music and maritime. **Sat., Dec. 6. 10 A.M. \$60.**



### JUBILATION RINGERS HANDBELL CONCERTS

Presented by National Trust Insurance Services  
Enjoy the sounds of the season with a Dickens tradition! Known for its exceptional acoustics, the breathtaking 1859 St. Joseph's Church opens its doors for three special handbell concerts performed by League City UMC. **Fri., Dec. 5. 5:30, 7, and 8:30 P.M. \$25.**



### MRS. TICKIT'S ENGLISH BREAKFAST

Presented by Moody Bank  
Take in an English breakfast with special guests, music, and more in a gorgeous holiday setting inside the 1859 Ashton Villa! **Sat., Dec. 6, 10:30-11:30 A.M. & Sun., Dec. 7, 10:30-11:30 A.M. \$80.**



### THE SMOKING BISHOP'S SOIREE

Presented by UHealth PEOPLE Centered Lab  
Held at the 1892 Bishop's Palace enjoy live music, food and wine, an aerial acrobatics performance, and appearances by special guests **Fri., Dec. 5. 6:30 P.M. \$100.**



### SAT. DEC. 6

	KIDDERMINSTER ABBEY 23rd & The Strand Presented by Saint Arnold Brewing & Del Papa	WINDSOR CASTLE 22nd & The Strand Presented by Pecos Pete's	TRAPALGAR SQUARE 21st & The Strand Presented by the Trube Foundation	TINY TIM'S PLAYLAND 24th betw The Strand & Mechanic Presented by HomeTown Bank	LEICESTER SQUARE 21st & Mechanic Presented by National Trust Insurance Services	MARBLE ARCH 23rd & Mechanic Presented by Visit Galveston	BUCKINGHAM PALACE VIP ARBA 2226 The Strand Presented by British Consulate-General Houston
10:00	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>						
10:30	Houston Highlanders	McNeil High School Musicales	<b>HIGHLAND GAME HEAVY ATHLETICS</b> Presented by Pecos Pete's Natural Tea + Soda	Grimaldi the Clown	Lake Belton High School Choir	Godfrey's Rangers	
11:00	Silverlynx	Holy Family Catholic School Choir		Bay Area Tubadors	Temple High School Polyfoniks	The Traveling Pianist	
11:30	Resonance - Rouse High School Choir	Atasocita High School	St. Thomas Episcopal Pipe Band		George Washington Chapter, DAR	The Bilge Pumps	
12:00		Lake Belton High School Choir		Silverlynx	Austin Girls Choir	Baba Ogunrinde and Cultural Drummers	Christmas Acapella
12:30	Galveston Ballet	McNeil High School Musicales	Cirque La Vie	Grimaldi the Clown	Temple High School Polyfoniks	Houston Highlanders	
1:00	Lake Belton High School Choir	Tew Academy of Irish Dancers		Le' Company	Academic Musique Teen Choir	St. Thomas Episcopal Pipe Band	<b>OLLIE DICKENS MEET &amp; GREET</b>
1:30	Resonance - Rouse High School Choir	Silverlynx	Miss Hallie Reeves and Friends		Beaudry Violin and Viola Studio	Godfrey's Rangers	

## THE QUEEN'S PARADE

2:00	<b>THE QUEEN'S PARADE</b>						
2:30	<b>THE QUEEN'S PARADE</b>						
3:00	<b>A CHRISTMAS CAROL W/ OLLIE DICKENS</b>	Tew Academy of Irish Dancers	Lake Belton High School Choir	Resonance - Rouse High School Choir	Kingwood Park Madrigals	Emlyn Drake	Clay Rogers Choir
3:30		Silverlynx	<b>HIGHLAND GAME HEAVY ATHLETICS</b> Presented by Pecos Pete's Natural Tea + Soda	Le' Company	McNeil High School Musicales	The Bilge Pumps	Kingwood Park Madrigals
4:00	<b>COSTUME CONTEST</b> Presented by HomeTown Bank	Houston Highlanders		<b>CHILDREN'S STORY TIME READING</b>	Mosaic Ensemble	St. Thomas Episcopal Pipe Band	
4:30			Cirque La Vie		George Washington Chapter, DAR	Baba Ogunrinde and Cultural Drummers	Acapella
5:00		<b>FEZZIWIG'S FAST FEAST</b>		Darryl Cleveland	Austin Girls & Mosaic Ensemble	Bay Area Tubadors	
5:30		<b>ALBERT'S WHISKER REVIEW</b> Presented by Ryegeal History Beard Company	Houston Highlanders	Miss Hallie Reeves and Friends	Grimaldi the Clown	The Traveling Pianist	Christmas Acapella
6:00			Emlyn Drake		Varsity Vocals	Darryl Cleveland	

## PICKWICK'S LANTERNLIGHT PARADE

6:30	<b>PICKWICK'S LANTERNLIGHT PARADE</b>						
7:00	<b>PICKWICK'S LANTERNLIGHT PARADE</b>						
7:30	<b>MOVIE IN THE PARK:</b> The Muppet Christmas Carol	<b>KIDDERMINSTER'S KEG LIFT COMPETITION</b>	Varsity Vocals	Acapella	Emlyn Drake	The Traveling Pianist	
8:00		The Bilge Pumps	St. Thomas Episcopal Pipe Band			Darryl Cleveland	
8:30			Christmas A Capella	Emlyn Drake	Daniel Rowan		

### SUN. DEC. 7

	KIDDERMINSTER ABBEY 23rd & The Strand Presented by Saint Arnold Brewing & Del Papa	WINDSOR CASTLE 22nd & The Strand Presented by Pecos Pete's	TRAPALGAR SQUARE 21st & The Strand Presented by the Trube Foundation	TINY TIM'S PLAYLAND 24th betw The Strand & Mechanic Presented by HomeTown Bank	LEICESTER SQUARE 21st & Mechanic Presented by National Trust Insurance Services	MARBLE ARCH 23rd & Mechanic Presented by Visit Galveston	BUCKINGHAM PALACE VIP ARBA 2226 The Strand Presented by British Consulate-General Houston
12:00	Victorian Dance Lessons						
12:30		Pearland High School Kantorei Choir	<b>HIGHLAND GAME HEAVY ATHLETICS</b> Presented by Pecos Pete's Natural Tea + Soda	Grimaldi the Clown	Blue Moon	Godfrey's Rangers	Texas Volunteer Band
1:00	<b>A CHRISTMAS CAROL W/ OLLIE DICKENS</b>	Bay Area Youth Singers		Le' Company		Baba Ogunrinde and Cultural Drummers	
1:30		Pearland High School Kantorei Choir	Godfrey's Rangers		Christmas A Capella	The Traveling Pianist	

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## THE DICKENS DASH FOOT RACE & VICTORIAN BED RACES

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5:00		Daniel Rowan	Emlyn Drake				
5:30	Cirque La Vie	Christmas A Capella	Music In Medicine				

### LONDON WHARF - HOME OF THE 1877 ELISSA - THE OFFICIAL TALL SHIP OF TEXAS AT THE GALVESTON HISTORIC SEAPORT, PIER 22!

Presented by HomeTown Bank  
All Day Sat. | Sail Setting & Iron Works  
Sat. | 1 p.m. - Daniel Rowan, 5 p.m. Godfrey's Rangers, 5:30 p.m. The Bilge Pumps  
Sun. | 1 p.m. - Singlestick Tournament



**STREET PERFORMANCES ALL WEEKEND LONG!**

### SKY KINGS FALCONRY

Daily shows of birds over The Strand and 21st St.  
Sat. | 11:30 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.  
Sun. | 1 and 3 p.m.



# Festival Favorites



The festival hosts many spirited events, such as the crowd favorite Whimsical Whisker Revue, a facial hair contest for the bearded and the dandy, the Dickens Victorian Bed Races, Victorian Costume Contest, special kid's programming, daily parades through Galveston's Strand Mechanic National Historic Landmark Strand District and more.

## BUCKINGHAM PALACE VIP AREA

VIP tickets include two-day festival admission, access to the Buckingham Palace VIP area, including balcony access overlooking The Strand. This space, located inside the festival grounds, has special programming, meet and greets, photo opportunities, drinks and more on both days. VIP ticket holders also will receive a limited-edition Dickens on The Strand medallion.

*Saturday, Dec. 6, and Sunday, Dec. 7, \$100 for adults and \$40 for youth*

## THE DICKENS GOLDEN TICKET

Holders of this pass will receive a unique code that allows redemption of one ticket to every event held during Dickens on The Strand. In addition, Golden Ticket passes will include a #GalvestonHistory guest pass good for one admission to Galveston Historical Foundation sites and attractions, a reserved carriage ride for Golden Ticket holders in the Dickens on The Strand parades, one complimentary membership to Galveston Historical Foundation and early admission to select events.

*\$1,000 per person.*

## FEZZIWIG'S FRIDAY NIGHT

Mr. Fezziwig was everything Ebenezer wasn't, and we pay tribute to his jovial personality at our Fezziwig's Beer Hall. Join us from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday evening, Dec. 5, for specialty acts, hearty brews, and new friends. Admission is free for this lively start to the weekend.

## THE DICKENS DASH AND VICTORIAN BED RACES

Speed is the name of the game for the big finish of the 52nd annual Dickens on The Strand. The Dickens Dash, a costumed run, welcomes individual and team competitions, and the Victorian Bed Races features teams of five as contestants make for



STUART VILLANUEVA/The Daily News file photo

Daniel Rowan, of Spring, plays for passersby at Dickens on The Strand in Galveston on Dec. 7, 2024.

the best time across the finish line, cheered along by the adoring crowd.

*4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7*

## DICKENS SCAVENGER HUNT

Bring the world of Charles Dickens to life with a lively one-hour scavenger hunt that sends guests exploring every corner of the festival grounds. Participants follow clever clues inspired by beloved characters, historic settings and memorable storylines — uncovering hidden details and solving

puzzles along the way. Designed for all ages, this fast-paced adventure blends literary fun with hands-on discovery, encouraging visitors to engage with the festival's themes, performers, and spaces in a fresh, interactive way. It's an energetic, story-driven challenge that adds movement, camaraderie, and a touch of Victorian whimsy to the day's festivities.

*1-6:30 p.m., Sat., Dec. 6 and 2-6 p.m., Sun., Dec. 7*

# Special Events

**D**ickens on The Strand also highlights many historic sites and attractions that Galveston Historical Foundation owns and operates. These added experiences occur around the festival and do not include festival admission.

## JUBILATION RINGERS HANDBELL CONCERT

The 1859 St. Joseph's Church, the first wooden-built church in Galveston and well known for its exceptional acoustics, hosts three holiday handbell concerts.

*5:30, 7, and 8:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5; \$25 per person; reservations required*

## SAINT ARNOLD'S STRAND WALKING TOURS

Learn about the history of The Strand and enjoy some of Saint Arnold Brewing Company's signature ales during this festival-favorite tour. Held daily during Dickens on The Strand, you'll visit three festival pubs as you walk through the National Historic Landmark district with your guide, learning about The Strand's stories, buildings and history.



*7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5; 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6; and 1 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7; \$40 per person*

## THE SMOKING BISHOP'S SOIREE

Named for the iconic drink featured in "A Christmas Carol" and featuring specialty acts, award-winning performers and a carefully curated food and drink menu, this kickoff to the annual festival is not to be missed. Held at



the breathtaking 1892 Bishop's Palace, attendees will enjoy live music, food and wine, an exceptional aerial acrobatics performance and appearances by special guests.

*6:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5; \$100 per person, reservations required*

## MRS. TICKIT'S ENGLISH BREAKFAST

Start your Dickens day with a one-of-a-kind experience in one of Galveston's most beloved historic homes, the 1859

Ashton Villa. Take in an English breakfast with special guests, performances and more in a gorgeous holiday setting inside the house.

*10:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 6; 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 7; \$75 per person*

## ELEVENSES ON THE PIER

Join us at the 1877 Tall Ship ELISSA for tea and cookies with a touch of history. Enjoy a relaxing morning on the harbor alongside the Official Tall Ship of Texas. Live music and a welcome by a Dickens descendant will be on hand, helping set the tone for your day at Dickens on The Strand.

*11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 6; \$60 per person, reservations required*



STUART VILLANUEVA/The Daily News file photo

RubyJo Shaughnessy holds up her niece, Melody Shaughnessy, 2, to catch artificial snow at Dickens on The Strand in Galveston on Dec. 7, 2024.

GHF would like to thank all those who have donated time, services, and monetary support to the 52nd Annual Dickens on The Strand!

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