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DICKENS ON THE STRAND™

DEC. 4-6, 2026 - 53RD ANNUAL CELEBRATION

GALVESTON'S WORLD FAMOUS VICTORIAN HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

TICKETS AND MORE AT DICKENSONTHESTRAND.ORG

AN ADVERTISING SUPPLEMENT TO THE GALVESTON COUNTY DAILY NEWS

FRI, DEC. 4 - 5-9 pm | SAT., DEC. 5 - 10 am-9 pm | SUN., DEC. 6 - 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 HUZZAH AT DICKENS ON THE STRAND!

- THREE TICKET TYPES FOR ADMISSION -
VISIT 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. $500 - $1,500 (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.**





RAISE A GLASS TO DICKENS!

Visit our festival pubs for a festive set of Saint Arnold ales, wine, whiskey, and even old-fashioned root beer for the young and young at heart. **Every pour helps Galveston Historical Foundation. Look for this icon on the map for locations!**

NEW! QUEEN'S COURT SKATING RINK

Presented by Galveston Historical Foundation

Complementing Dickens on The Strand and extending the celebration from Thanksgiving through the first of the new year, the Queen's Court Ice Rink will offer families, residents, and visitors a festive new way to enjoy Galveston's historic downtown. Located at Trafalgar Square (21st and Strand), this seasonal attraction invites guests to lace up their skates and make holiday memories surrounded by the charm of The Strand. Whether you're planning a family outing, gathering with friends, or adding a little winter magic to your island visit, the Queen's Court promises a merry addition to the holiday season.
Open daily during festival hours for paid skating.



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! AFTERNOON TEA TIME AT ALL FESTIVAL PUBS

Presented by the British Consulate-General Houston and Tregothnan Tea

Fancy a cuppa? New this year, Tea Time at Dickens on The Strand invites you to pause amid the merriment for a beloved British tradition. Join us both days of the festival for a complimentary cup of tea (while supplies last), graciously provided by the British Consulate Houston and Tregothnan Tea. Gather with friends, show off your Victorian finery, and raise a cup to a splendid holiday afternoon!
Sat., Dec. 5 & Sun., Dec. 6. 3 P.M. FREE.



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 **included** in your festival ticket.

DOWNTOWN SHOPPING!



Make merry and shop local! Explore the distinctive shops, galleries, and boutiques that call historic downtown Galveston home.

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.

THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE VISIT DICKENSONTHESTRAND.ORG FOR THE LATEST LINEUP AND LOCATIONS.

FREE! FEZZIWIG'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. 4



5 P.M.
Texas Volunteer Band

5:20 P.M.
Keg Tapping



5:30 P.M.
Dr. Street
& Daryl Cleveland



6:30 P.M.
Music in Medicine



7:30 P.M.
The Rogues

8 P.M.
TheBilge Pumps

SPECIAL EVENTS

Visit 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. 4-6. $35.**

ELEVENSES 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. 5. 10 A.M. $60.**

JUBILLATE RINGERS HANDBELL CONCERTS



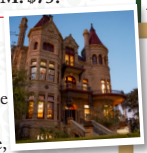
Presented by National Trust Insurance Services
Enjoy the sounds of the season with a Dickens tradition! Known for its exceptional acoustics, the breathtaking 1859 St. Joseph's Church opens its doors for three special handbell concerts performed by League City UMC.
Fri., Dec. 4. 5, 6:30, and 8 P.M. $25.

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. 5, 10:30-11:30 A.M. & Sun., Dec. 6, 10:30-11:30 A.M. $75.**

THE SMOKING BISHOP'S SOIREE



Presented by HomeTown Bank
Held at the 1892 Bishop's Palace enjoy live music, food and wine, an aerial acrobatics performance, and appearances by special guests **Fri., Dec. 4, 6:30 P.M. $100.**

SAT. DEC. 5

	WESTMINSTER ABBEY 23rd & The Strand *Presented by Saint Arnold Brewing & Del Papa*	WINDSOR CASTLE 22nd & The Strand *Presented by Pecos Pete's*	TRAFALGAR SQUARE 21st & The Strand *Presented by the Trube Foundation*	TINY TIM'S PLAYLAND 24th btw 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 AREA 2226 The Strand *Presented by British Consulate-General Houston*
10:00	OPENING CEREMONY		HOME OF QUEEN'S COURT ICE SKATING				
10:30	Temple HS Polyfoniks	McNeil High School Musicale	HIGHLAND GAME HEAVY ATHLETICS *Presented by Pecos Pete's Natural Tea + Soda*	Dr. Street	Holy Family Catholic School Choir	The Bilge Pumps	Galveston Distilling Pop-Up
11:00	Atascocita HS Madrigal Singers	Tew Academy of Irish Dancers			Grimaldi the Clown	Saint Thomas' Episcopal Pipe Band	
11:30	Lake Belton High School Choir	Beaudry Violin and Viola Studio	Cirque La Vie	A Christmas Carol Performance	Austin Girls Choir	The Houston Highlanders	Blue Moon
12:00	Chaparral HS Choir: Silverlynx	Temple HS Polyfoniks	HOME OF QUEEN'S COURT ICE SKATING AVAILABLE ALL DAY!		Christmas A Cappella	Heavenly Sounds Handbells	
12:30	Galveston Ballet: Nutcracker	Tew Academy of Irish Dancers		Cai Circus and Le' Company	Beaudry Violin and Viola Studio		McNeil HS Muiscale Choir
1:00		Mosaic Choir & Austin Girls Choir			Edgar Allan Poe	Saint Thomas' Episcopal Pipe Band	Blue Moon
1:30	Chaparral HS Choir: Silverlynx	Lake Belton High School Choir		Dr. Street	Christmas A Cappella	Daniel Rowan - Celloist	
2:00	THE QUEEN'S PARADE						
2:30							
3:00	A CHRISTMAS CAROL W/ OLLIE DICKENS	McNeil High School Musicale	HIGHLAND GAME HEAVY ATHLETICS *Presented by Pecos Pete's Natural Tea + Soda*	Grimaldi the Clown	Lake Belton HS Choir	St. Thomas Episcopal Pipe Band	
3:30		Chaparral HS Choir: Silverlynx		A Christmas Carol Performance	Mosaic Choir	The Bilge Pumps	Kingwood Park Madrigals
4:00	COSTUME CONTEST *Presented by HomeTown Bank*	Houston Highlanders	Cirque La Vie		DPAC Encore	St. Thomas Episcopal Pipe Band	OLLIE DICKENS MEET & GREET
4:30				Cai Circus and Le' Company	Grimaldi the Clown	The Bilge Pumps	DICKENS TRIVIA CONTESTS
5:00		ALBERT'S WHISKER REVIEW *Presented by Rugged History Beard Company*	QUEEN'S COURT SKATE SHOW		McNeil HS Musicale Choir	Daniel Rowan - Celloist	
5:30				Kingwood Park Madrigals	DPAC Encore	Daryl Cleveland	
6:00		FEZZIWIG'S FAST FEAST & KIDDERMINSTER'S KEG LIFT COMPETITION		Dr. Street	Godfreys Rangers		
6:30	PICKWICK'S LANTERNLIGHT PARADE						
7:00							
7:30	MOVIE IN THE PARK: Scrooge: A Christmas Carol	The Bilge Pumps	HOME OF QUEEN'S COURT ICE SKATING AVAILABLE ALL DAY!	Music in Medicine	DPAC Encore	Darryl Cleveland	MEMBER AND VIP-BALCONY MEDALS, & RESTROOMS
8:00		A Christmas Carol Performance		Edgar Allan Poe		Cirque La Vie	
8:30				Godfreys Rangers	Daryl Cleveland		

SUN. DEC. 6

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12:00	A Christmas Carol Performance	Pearland High School Kantorei Choir	QUEEN'S COURT SKATE SHOW	Grimaldi the Clown	Christmas A Cappella	The Bilge Pumps	
12:30		The Rogues	Cirque La Vie	Cai Circus and Le' Company	Godfreys Rangers		Blue Moon
1:00	A CHRISTMAS CAROL W/ OLLIE DICKENS	Pearland High School Kantorei Choir	HIGHLAND GAME HEAVY ATHLETICS *Presented by Pecos Pete's Natural Tea + Soda*		Grimaldi the Clown	Daryl Cleveland	
1:30		The Rogues		Dr. Street	Christmas A Cappella	Daniel Rowan - Celloist	Blue Moon
2:00	THE QUEEN'S PARADE						
2:30							
3:00	The Rogues	A Christmas Carol Performance	HIGHLAND GAME HEAVY ATHLETICS *Presented by Pecos Pete's Natural Tea + Soda*	Cai Circus and Le' Company	Godfreys Rangers	Daryl Cleveland	Blue Moon
3:30	Pearland High School Kantorei Choir				Edgar Allan Poe	The Bilge Pumps	
4:00	THE DICKENS DASH FOOT RACE & VICTORIAN BED RACES						Presented by the Trube Foundation
4:30							
5:00	A Christmas Carol Performance	The Bilge Pumps	QUEEN'S COURT SKATE SHOW				
5:30		The Rogues	Cirque La Vie				

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. and Sun. | Sail Setting & Iron Works
Sat. | 7 p.m. - The Artful Dodger's After Dark (An Evening of Dickensian Mischief)
Sun. | 12:30 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.



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