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MR. DICKENS IS COMING

***Great, Great Grandson of Charles Dickens to Perform in the Nextstage
on December 4th.***

Rochester, N.Y., October 21, 2010– Geva Theatre Center and Lisa’s Hallmark will present **Gerald Charles Dickens** in *Mr. Dickens is Coming!* in the Nextstage at 8pm on December 4th.

One of the last stops on Charles Dickens’ final US tour in 1868 was Rochester, NY. Now his great, great grandson, Gerald Charles Dickens, makes his first visit to Rochester following in the footsteps of his forebear in *Mr. Dickens is Coming!* This evening of delightful theatre includes scenes from the great author’s works, diary extracts and observations from those who knew and worked with him.

Gerald Charles Dickens is an actor and producer and resides in Oxford. He has appeared all over the world and has toured the US for the past twelve Christmas seasons. He has appeared on the History Channel’s “History’s Lost and Found” discussing *A Christmas Carol* and has been interviewed on NBC’s “Today Show,” CBS’s “This Morning,” ABC’s “Good Morning America” and PBS stations throughout the United States. *The New York Times* has described Gerald Dickens’ performance as “a once in a lifetime brush with literary history.”

His 2010 tour will take him to ten states across the country to perform *Mr. Dickens is Coming* as well as other classic Dickens’ tales. His performance is produced by **Byers’ Choice Ltd.**, makers of the collectible Carolers® and Kindles® figurines, based in Chalfont, PA.

Following his performance, Mr. Dickens will be available to sign a selection of books and gifts including a special, limited number of Caroler® figurines, which have been created to commemorate this performance at Geva.

Mr. Dickens is Coming is a wonderful treat for the Dickens’ devotee and a terrific companion piece to *A Christmas Carol!*

**For further information, photographs or to arrange interviews, please contact:
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PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

PERFORMANCE: Saturday, December 4 @ 8pm

TICKET PRICES: \$25.

RESERVATIONS: (585) 232 GEVA (4382), Website: www.gevatheatre.org

LOCATION: Geva Theatre Center, 75 Woodbury Blvd, Rochester, NY 14607

GEVA THEATRE CENTER

Geva Theatre Center is Rochester's leading professional theatre and the most attended regional theatre in New York State. Founded in 1972, Geva attracts over 170,000 patrons annually, including more than 16,000 students. The 552-seat Elaine P. Wilson Mainstage offers a wide variety of shows, from musicals to American and world classics.

The 180-seat Ron & Donna Fielding Nextstage is home to Geva's own series of cutting-edge drama, comedy and musical theatre; Geva Comedy Improv; *What's Next*: Geva's New Play Reading Series and the Hornets' Nest - an innovative play-reading series facilitating community-wide discussion on controversial topics. The Nextstage also hosts visiting companies of both local and international renown.

Geva Theatre Center offers a wide variety of educational, outreach and literary programs, nurturing audiences and artists alike. Since 1995 the organization has been led by Artistic Director Mark Cuddy.

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