**Media Release**

**November 2021**

**What the Dickens?**

**Complete Commedia Company retell classic Christmas tale**

***A (Commedia) Christmas Carol***

**Friday 10 December 7pm – St Cedd's Church, Stifford Clays, RM16 2AP**

**Friday 17 December 7pm – St Giles and All Saints Church, Orsett, RM16 3ER.**

**Tickets: Free**

**Family friendly performance**

[**www.thecompletecommediacompany.co.uk/christmas-carol**](http://www.thecompletecommediacompany.co.uk/christmas-carol)

**The Complete Commedia Company is getting ready to present a very special Christmas show for Thurrock audiences: *A (Commedia) Christmas Carol.* It’s the Dickens classic as you’ve never seen it before.**

Thurrock’s very own professional performance troupe, The Complete Commedia Company bring a fabulous retelling of one of Dickens’ best loved tales, A Christmas Carol, to two Thurrock venues, and the shows are free. Candle lit performances for all the family at St Cedds Church, Stifford Clays and St Giles and All Saints Church, Orsett will kick off the festive season with the comedy and slapstick for which the company are renowned. Follow Scrooge as he discovers the true meaning of Christmas, commedia style.

Doors open at 6.30pm and there will be mince pies, mulled wine and plenty of festive spirit in the atmospheric setting of the two churches. This is the perfect opportunity to gather together with family, friends and the local community to celebrate the festive season. The performances are completely free and will be suitable for all ages from toddlers to grandparents. After the show, audience members can meet the cast and learn more about how they brought the story to life in a modern, comedic style.

Both performances are free but booking is essential. Please go to the website to book <https://www.thecompletecommediacompany.co.uk/christmas-carol> Doors open 30 minutes before the performance begins, so arrive early and get into the festive spirit ready for the fun to begin.

**Merriment and Mayhem in Schools**

A new documentary showing the madcap fun the company had during the summer working with local schools will be launched on the website on Tuesday 14December at 12.30pm. To see the film and find out more about the Company, please go to [www.thecompletecommediacompany.co.uk](http://www.thecompletecommediacompany.co.uk).

For further information on *A (Commedia) Christmas Carol*, please email [enquiries.commedia@outlook.com](mailto:enquiries.commedia@outlook.com)

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**Notes for Editors**

**About The Complete Commedia Company**

The Complete Commedia Company is a collective of performers and theatre makers who specialise in performance of Commedia dell'Arte in the south east of England.

We work with local schools and in our local community as advocates for the arts and local heritage.

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Established in 1996 by Bernadette Wakeling and based in Thurrock, our mission is to bring high quality Commedia dell'Arte based performance and participation to as many people as possible.