Direct from London:
An Evening
With Charles Dickens
By Geoffrey Harris

Coming December 15 and 16 to the
Merchant’s House 19th-century parlor,
London’s longest running one-man show.

Two hundred and twenty-five
architects and design professionals from
across the United States gathered in the
historic Great Hall of The Cooper Union
on Saturday, October 28, for the first day
of a two-day colloquium on Grecian
architecture. The colloquium was held in
connection with the architecture
exhibition at the Merchant’s House,
“Minard Lafever and His Circle: the
Diffusion of Grecian Architecture in the
United States, 1880-1860.”

On Sunday, October 29, the participants spread out through the City
for workshops on various aspects of
architecture and building work from the
period and walking tours highlighting
Greek Revival buildings in New York
City as well as private collections of
furniture and decorative arts.

The Merchant’s House, itself an
outstanding example of Grecian
architecture, was the site of two of the
workshops: one on fabricating mid-19th-
century decorative plaster by David
Flaharty, who restored the decorative
plasterwork in the Merchant’s House, and
one on restoring antique furniture by
Dennis DeCarlo of Antiquity Preservation
Network.

Thomas Gordon Smith, Professor,
University of Notre Dame, curated the
exhibition.

Thanks to the collaborators of the
Minard Lafever Exhibition and Colloquium:
Classical America, Cooper Union, Adv.
Education, The Institute of Classical
Architecture, Traditional Building
Network, the University of Notre Dame, and
the Speros Basil Vironis Center for the
Study of Hellenism.

Minard Lafever Exhibition and Colloquium
Attracts Architects and Design Professionals from Across the
U.S.; Exhibition Runs through December 11

Money Matters
The Merchant’s House is very
grateful to the following individuals and
organizations for the generous financial
support they have given us throughout
this year.

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6 to 8 p.m. The silver-blue beamer
beauty is on view in the lot next door.

You can get your raffle tickets ($10,
3 for $25) by mailing in the order form
on the back page. All proceeds will go
towards the restoration of the east wall
where infiltrating water has threatened the
stability of the cellar wall and moisture
in the cellar has risen to the ground floor,
preventing proper paint and plaster
adhesion of the original interiors.

The lucky winner of our BMW raffle
will be announced at our annual Holiday
party, which will be held at the
Merchant’s House on December 18 from

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The Merchant’s House Museum is New York City’s only family home preserved intact—inside and out—from the 19th century. A
National Historic and New York City landmark, the house was built in 1832 and was home to a prosperous merchant family for 100 years.

Visit Thursday through Monday, 1 to 5 p.m. And visit us on the web: www.merchantshouse.com

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Exhibition: Minard Lafever and His Circle: The Diffusion of Grecian Architecture in the United States, 1830-1860
Architectural models, drawings, photographs, artifacts, and books from collections across the country illustrate the impact of Minard Lafever and his colleagues on American architecture. In collaboration with Classical America, the University of Notre Dame, and the Speros Basil Vryonis Center for the Study of Hellenism.

Saturday, December 9, noon to 4 p.m.
Workshop: Winter Greenery for the Holidays
Evergreens provided to make swags, tabletop decorations, and gifts. Bring a pair of cloth gloves. Refreshments. $25 donation benefits the Garden Fund. Reservations (212) 777-1089.

Friday, December 15, and Saturday, December 16, 7 p.m.
An Evening With Charles Dickens
An award-winning one-man show from London where it is performed at the Dickens House Museum. The show features Geoffrey Harris as Charles Dickens assuming the role of Dickens’s immortal characters as well the author himself. House open at 6:30 p.m. for viewing. Refreshments. $25. Reservations (212) 777-1089.

Monday, December 18, 6 to 8 p.m.
19th-Century Holiday Party and Benefit Raffle

Monday, January 1, 2001, 3 to 6 p.m.
New Year’s Day Reception
Join us for our annual New Year’s Day reception recalling the old Dutch custom of “calling” on one’s relatives and friends on New Year’s Day. We’ll toast the New Year with champagne punch and holiday confectionery. Walking tours of the neighborhood will take place throughout the afternoon. $20, members $10. Reservations (212) 777-1089.

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Enclose a check made out to the Merchant’s House Museum and mail to 29 East Fourth Street, New York, NY 10003. Thank you.

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