

An atmospheric narration of Charles Dickens' classic Christmas tale accompanied by an enchanting vocal quartet, woven around a three-course festive menu.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL DINING SHOW

2024 TOUR

November – December

Performance pack

Produced by Minty Spectre
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ABOUT THE SHOW

This dining experience of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* has been carefully created to work beautifully around a three-course meal to delight your guests with cheer this festive season.

As an experienced company with a background in theatre and dining shows, we have toured our sophisticated performance of *A Christmas Carol* over a number of years.

Our original adaption is presented by a narrator and accompanied by a four-voice vocal group singing newly written and traditional Christmas music.

We offer this show in a convenient package to operate easily in your venue, and will work closely with your team to ensure a memorable experience for your guests.





RUNNING TIME & STRUCTURE

The event (including performance and dining time) is approximately three hours in length and is suitable for lunch and dinner performances.

We recommend an event start time of 1pm for lunch and 7pm for dinner.

We pride ourselves on being communicative and flexible, and look forward to working with your team to ensure the event is tailored to your requirements.

Our dining event usually runs as follows:

We provide a recommended structure that we know to work well for guests' enjoyment and ensure your staff have a stress-free and enjoyable experience.

Our performers welcome your guests with 15 minutes of background Christmas carols, during which you have the opportunity to serve welcome drinks to guests and ensure they are seated and comfortable.

The performance will then commence, and is structured as three segments – each 25-30 minutes long – of the Christmas Carol narration preceding each course (starter, main and dessert).

Once your booking is confirmed, you will receive a detailed breakdown of clear and precise timings for your kitchen and waiting staff to work their preparations and service around, based on your venue capacity. Our experienced team will be on hand in the run-up and on the day to ensure the smooth running of your event.



EXAMPLE MENU



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Welcome drink

Prosecco | Soft drink

Starter

Prawn cocktail

Mushroom pâté

Pâté with plum chutney

Main

Nut roast with all the trimmings

Turkey with all the trimmings

Dessert

Christmas pudding & brandy cream

Apple crumble with custard

Post dinner (optional)

Tea & coffee

Smoking bishop

Mulled wine

Mince pie



Food mentioned in the A Christmas Carol text for menu inspiration:

‘Heaped up on the floor, to form a kind of throne, were turkeys, geese, mince-pies, plum-puddings, red-hot chestnuts, cherry-cheeked apples, immense cakes, and seething bowls of punch, that made the chamber dim with their delicious steam.’

‘steeped in sage and onion to the eyebrows!’

‘while the chestnuts on the fire sputtered and cracked noisily’

‘apples and oranges were put upon the table’

‘the pudding, like a speckled cannon-ball, so hard and firm, blazing in half of half-a-quartern of ignited brandy, and bedight with Christmas holly stuck into the top’

‘Eked out by apple-sauce and mashed potatoes’

‘a Christmas bowl of smoking bishop, Bob!’



AUDIENCES & VENUE

Our performance works well for audiences of all sizes in spaces where there is a clear view of a single performance spot, which is recommended to be a corner/side of the room.

With a stationary cast of five, this requires minimal space (see below) and shouldn't require loss of dining capacity.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

A Christmas Carol Dining Show is extremely flexible and has minimal technical requirements:

3 x 2 metre performance space

Access to 1 x 13 amp plug socket

The dining show is usually performed without additional lighting or microphones; however, if we feel a space would benefit from enhanced sound, we will provide ambient microphones and speakers.

PERFORMER REQUIREMENTS

To ensure the comfort of our performers when at the venue, we require the following to be in place for the duration of their visit:

Secure and private room separate to performance space for performers to prepare and leave personal belongings

A hot main meal served during main course break (5 performers) – dietary requirements to be confirmed ahead of visit

Access to drinking water and a kettle



MARKETING THE SHOW

The Minty Spectre team will provide you with A3 and A4 ready-to-print colour posters for the performance dates. These will include details of ticketing, venue and dates, and any additional information.

These will be provided at least two months before the performance date. Additional marketing support can be provided on a case-by-case basis.

Included in the price, we will provide a table riser for each table, with a scannable QR code directing guests to a digital programme.

Your event will be promoted on the Minty Spectre website, with links directing customers to your booking pages.

PROGRAMMES & MERCHANDISE

At each event we make available our *A Christmas Carol* themed merchandise, including books, bags, festive cards and a CD recording of our show.

BOOKING & PRICING

The complete dining show package is charged inclusive of all expenses from £1,450.

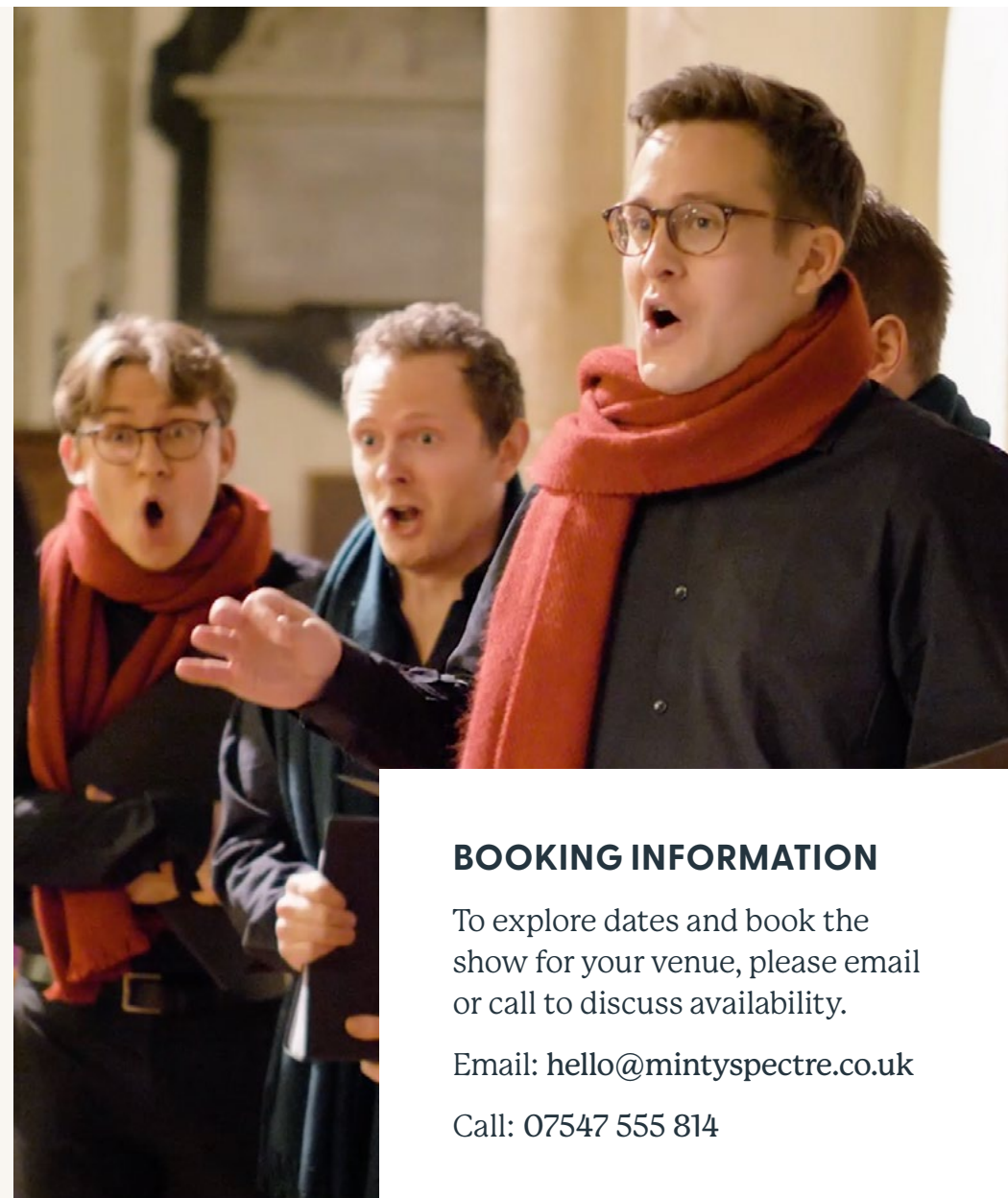
Venues booking same-day lunch and dinner shows will be eligible for a reduced rate.

THEATRE SHOW

We are also able to offer the show in a more conventional theatre format, with a 20 minute interval (at an adjusted rate we are happy to discuss) but in our experience the dinner show is an excellent format for an interesting and entertaining experience for your guests.

RECOMMENDED TICKET PRICES

In the past, venues have priced A Christmas Carol Dining Show from £65, inclusive of a welcome drink, 3-course meal, tea and coffee and performance.



BOOKING INFORMATION

To explore dates and book the show for your venue, please email or call to discuss availability.

Email: hello@mintyspectre.co.uk

Call: 07547 555 814

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ABOUT US

Passionate about the performing arts, Minty Spectre believes in the power of storytelling, live performance and cultural experiences to bring people together.

Minty Spectre provides access to live shows, events, and performance-based workshops for all ages.

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