

A Dickens of a musical

BOZ

The life, times and characters of Charles Dickens

Songs

We've Got It All
Sendin' 'em Out to Work
Be a Criminal
School in Yorkshire
World Upside Down
Boz!
M'Choackumchild
The Man Who Gave us
Christmas
Young, Slim and Pretty
Fancy
He Gave Us Life
Three Mad Mates
And more



Characters

John Dickens
Elizabeth Dickens
Charles Dickens
[boy, young man, old man]
Catherine Dickens
Fagin
Wilkins Micawber
The Family Squeers
Tiny Tim & Scrooge
Little Nell
Mary Hogarth
Nelly Ternan
Miss Havesham
And many more

Words and Music by Cenarth Fox

Charles Dickens was and still is a superstar. But his personal life, his characters and the times in which he lived were unusual and dramatic. Dickens, whose pen-name once was Boz, has his story and stories told in an unusual and dramatic way.

As a child he works in a factory and tells stories to the other boys.

His boss is Bob Fagin when suddenly his workmates become thieves as Bob becomes his namesake. "*Be a criminal*".

His parents choose a school for their boy as Wackford Squeers and family arrive offering to take young Charles to sunny Yorkshire. Oh no, not Squeers!

The 20 year old Charles has an audition to become an actor. His characters conspire to thwart him. He must become a novelist in order to invent them.

Dickens created some 2000 names and certain characters fight to claim which is best.

Tiny Tim's family and Scrooge believe the novelist invented Christmas. Did he?

Dickens helped orphans, fallen women and many in need. But not himself. Why?

He fell in and out of love and controversially ended his marriage. His wife speaks out.

Millions of readers love him as do all his characters. Well, most of them.

You may love him too as you perform *Boz*.

In 2012 Charles Dickens turns 200. Celebrate with *Boz*.

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