# CLARENCE DARROW LIVE

# A dramatic portrayal of the life and passions of America's greatest defense lawyer:

#### presented by

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**ROGER BREWIN** has been portraying Clarence Darrow in his trademark rumpled suit and battered Borsalino hat since 1981. Brewin points out that Darrow, despite an antichurch reputation, consistently visited houses of worship, looking for proponents of "ethical religion" and support for his various causes.

Brewin has revisited many of those same congregations, and has also taken Darrow to schools, libraries, literary clubs, conventions and numerous other venues. He has also introduced the lawyer to a medium he never knew -television, appearing on broadcasts in Rockford, Naperville, Joliet and Chicago. He has portrayed the "defender of the damned" in over 200 performances, on more than a hundred platforms in a dozen states.

During the holiday season, Brewin also dons a slightly older costume, to appear at parties, parades and public readings as **Charles Dickens** during the author's second American tour in 1868-69.

#### **PROGRAMS**

## A Morning (or evening) with Clarence Darrow.

Introductory presentation covering his early years, the great Chicago cases, including the Haymarket conspiracy and Eugene Debbs vs. George Pullman, and his associations with Edgar Lee Masters and John Altgeld.

#### The Scopes Trial

Darrow's northern stump speech following the 1925 courtroom battle that pitted reason against faith and divided the nation. Includes his emotional salute to longtime friend and opponent, William Jennings Bryan

#### ."Not totally evil..."

Of the 100 people facing execution defended by Darrow, Leopold and Loeb, two young thrill killers were the most controversial. His impassioned and humane defense changed the face of American jurisprudence, and is still the heart of the argument against capital punishment.

#### **Banned Books and Other Affronts.**

A primer on the first amendment in daily life, and the necessity of maintaining its protections against the constant encroachment of tyranny, censorship, and ignorance. This is Darrow at his most reflective.

#### **FORMATS & FEES**

**Keynote:** Major presentation or Sunday service. One hour plus, including 20 minutes Q & A. \$250.00

**Dinner Speech:** (meal optional). 30 to 40 minutes including 10 minutes Q & A. \$150.00

Rates are for Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. Rates for Sunday evening through Friday afternoon are \$50.00 lower. Travel extra.

#### WEEKDAY SPECIAL!

**Luncheon Remarks:** 20 to 30 minutes as part of your larger program. Monday through Friday only; 9:30 am to 2:00 p.m.. **\$75.00** plus travel. Clarence can tailor a program and fee (within reason) to your situation. Consideration given to non-profits with limited means who allow cigar smoking on the premises.

## WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID ...

"The presentation was superb - interesting. educational, and funny." University Honors Program, Bowling Green, OH

" ...thank you for sharing your special talent.".

Morgan Park Presbyterian Church

"We would like to have you here again... .."

**Ethical Humanist Society, Chicago** 

"You brought him to life..."

St. Xavier University

"...wonderful evening thought provoking ..."

First Unitarian Society, Madison. WI

"... colorful. earthy thoroughly entertaining... "

Robert V. Johnson Attorney at Law, Chicago

"You made thirty lawyers pay attention ..."

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