



**Eric Winkenwerder (USA – Austrian and German descent) – *Lighting designer***

Eric is a native Charlottean and has been designing lighting for 42 years. He has been designing for The Moving Poets since the founding. He also designs for Playworks, Omimeo Mime Theatre, and Charlotte Latin. He owns Wink Lighting, an event lighting design company that lights many wedding receptions and galas, and designs lighting for private and secondary schools. Eric is active at his church. He leads children's drama and sings in the choir. He has been married for 32 years and has two adult children.

Call to action:

*“Learn your family’s immigration story. My family immigrated to escape the Austrian - Prussian and Franco-Prussian Wars. The wars destroyed family businesses, farms and lives. Two of my uncles escaped conscription in trunks bound for America.” - Eric*