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EXPERIENCE CALLANWOLDE – TOURS OF CALLANWOLDE FINE ARTS CENTER

(October 31, 2013 – Atlanta, GA) Callanwolde Fine Arts Center is pleased to announce tours of the Callanwolde mansion and estate. Callanwolde is an impressive 27,000 square feet Gothic-Tudor Revival style mansion built in 1920. It was owned by one of Atlanta's pre-eminent families, Charles Howard Candler, eldest son of Asa Candler, founder of Coca-Cola. Saved from demolition in 1971 by the citizens of DeKalb County, the architectural landmark in the historic Druid Hills neighborhood of Atlanta, now serves as a unique fine arts center and hub of cultural activity. The 12-acre estate is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and remains a gracious and inviting home for the community to enjoy.

Tours showcase the mansion as well as the gardens and outer buildings. Highlights of the tour include pictures of the home at the time the Candler family lived at the estate between 1920 and 1959. Through docent-led group tours, guests will have the privilege of listening to the Aeolian Organ, which was specially designed for the house and installed during its construction. The organ is comprised of 3,742 pipes and is one of the few of its kind in the country.

Tours are available Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and closed on Saturday and Sunday. The last ticket is sold 30 minutes prior to closing. Ticket prices are as follows: \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors (65+), students, and groups of ten or more; \$8 for children (ages 4-12). Members with a Member I.D. card are admitted free along with one guest pass. Parking is free. Docent tours are available upon request for groups of ten or more. School group tours are also available. Participating schools receive a pre-visit packet and may choose from two options: the basic tour, or the art experience tour, which includes the basic tour plus a hands-on art workshop. Tour proceeds benefit Callanwolde's arts education and community outreach programs.

The Callanwolde mansion is a working mansion. It remains relatively unfurnished throughout the year to cater to the full range of arts education classes, weddings, and community events. Tour the mansion, transformed for the holidays by Atlanta's top interior and floral designers, during Christmas at Callanwolde from December 6 – 17, 2013. This spectacular 12-day event offers nationally touring musicians, family activities, seasonal workshops, holiday shopping and more!

About Callanwolde:

Callanwolde Fine Arts Center offers classes and workshops for all ages in the visual, literary and performing arts. A full range of concerts, literary events, gallery exhibitions, and fundraisers complement the center's busy calendar each month. Callanwolde Fine Arts Center is located at 980 Briarcliff Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30306. For more information about the classes and events offered at Callanwolde, visit our web site at www.callanwolde.org, or call at (404) 872-5338.

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