



For Immediate Release

Contact: Jessica Miller, Marketing and Publicity Director
Callanwolde Fine Arts Center
jmiller@callanwolde.org, 404-872-5338 ext. 228

Christmas at Callanwolde.....Atlanta's Christmas Destination

The joy of the holiday season begins again at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center with Christmas at Callanwolde, an Atlanta Tradition for over 40 years known as *Atlanta's Designer Showroom and Christmas Destination*. The host committee include Robin Meade, Charlie Brusco, Dr. Bobbie Bailey, Sean O'Keefe, Valerie Montgomery Rice, and Jamie Annarino. This 16-day holiday celebration features a variety of events for the whole family. Visitors will enjoy the splendor of Christmas trees adorning the entire 27,000 square-foot mansion, rooms decorated by wonderful designers, and rooms themed especially for children with Callanwolde teddy bears, LEGOLAND, and Gingerbread Houses. The Ocean VIP party is a formal evening at the mansion with touring group von Grey, as seen on the *Late Show with David Letterman* and *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, performing live. Teddy Bear Tea and LEGOLAND Breakfast with Santa offer children a chance to share their Christmas wish lists with Santa himself. Cocoa & Caroling, and Baker Donelson Family Movie Night brings the whole family together to share in the joy of the season with each other.

The mansion itself is host to Atlanta's top interior and floral designers who have dressed each room in Christmas wonder. The Callanwolde Artisan Market is open daily so visitors can shop for handmade gifts from Callanwolde's fine artists. Seasonal workshops are scheduled with professional artists to teach holiday crafts and decorations that you can bring home to enjoy with the family.

With everything that Callanwolde has to offer this holiday season, your whole family can share in the magic of Christmas at Callanwolde. With events and tours of the estate happening every day, there is always something to delight and entertain at Atlanta's Christmas Destination. Callan Café open for lunch and dinner (barista on staff and alcoholic beverages available) and Dominic's New York Pizza Food Truck onsite everyday as well.

Highlights Include:

- Tour the Historic Mansion decorated by Atlanta's top interior and floral designers
- LEGOLAND room for kids - everyday
- Cocoa & Caroling – Tuesday, Dec. 2
- VIP Party with von Grey – Thursday, Dec 4
- LEGOLAND Breakfast with Santa – Saturday, Dec 6 and 13 Sunday, Dec. 7 and 14
- Teddy Bear Tea – Sunday, Dec. 7 and 14
- Baker Donelson Family Movie Night – Friday, Dec. 12
- Callanwolde Artisan Market in the Mansion – Dec. 1 – 16
- Holiday Centerpiece Workshop Presented by Faith Flowers
- Holiday Shopping in the Conservatory sponsored by Atlanta Foundation for Public Spaces – Dec. 1 – 16

Christmas at Callanwolde Hours: Dec 1 through 16, 2014

Weekdays: 11am – 9pm; Saturdays: 9am – 4pm; Sundays: 9am – 4pm

General Admission Tickets

\$20 per person

\$15 for groups of 20 or more call 404-872-5338

Tickets may be purchased at www.callanwolde.org or at the door

Ocean VIP Party: Live entertainment by von Grey, catering and event planning sponsored by Ocean Catering Company and Sean O’Keefe Events, complimentary full bar sponsored by United Distributors Inc. will be on Thursday, December 4, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. \$100 per person (by advance reservation only). Valet Parking onsite.

LEGOLAND Breakfast with Santa: This event features a kid-friendly breakfast sponsored by Ocean Catering Company and Sean O’Keefe Events, live entertainment, and admission to tour the decorated estate, as well as picture-perfect moments with Santa when children share their secret wish lists. All children receive a special gift bag from Santa to take home. By advance reservation only - \$25 per person (includes general admission).

Teddy Bear Tea: Guests will enjoy tea, hot cocoa, tea sandwiches, and charming desserts. Holiday sing-a-longs, and admission to tour the decorated home are included with ticket purchase. Santa will make a special visit to deliver gift bags to all the children. By advance reservation only - \$25 per person (includes general admission).

Cocoa & Caroling: Enjoy hot cocoa and caroling in the Callanwolde Amphitheater. Sing along with three local school choirs to make what will become a family tradition. Food trucks and cash bar will be available. Admission to the event is free. Does not include general admission to tour the mansion.

Baker Donelson Family Movie Night: Kids, come in your pajamas for the screening of a classic Christmas movie for the whole family. Popcorn, Food Trucks, coffee, beverages, and cash bar will be available for purchase to enjoy in the beautiful Inner Courtyard of the Callanwolde Mansion. This is a free event included with general admission purchase.

Callanwolde’s Artisan Market: Held in the Petite Hall of the Callanwolde Mansion, Callanwolde instructors and students will showcase and sell their unique works of fine art and crafts. Find beautiful handmade items for yourself or as gifts for friends and family. The fine arts and crafts will include ornaments, scarves, jewelry, pottery, photography and painting.

Holiday Shopping: Sponsored by Atlanta Foundation for Public Spaces, join us for a market featuring artists from Atlanta and surrounding areas in our conservatory onsite. Take in the splendor of the Callanwolde estate while checking off your holiday gift list!

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop presented by Faith Flowers: New this year! Holiday Centerpiece with Floating Candles: Make-and-Take designed to last you through the holidays. Workshop presented by Laura Iarocci of Faith Flowers. \$75 includes all materials and entrance fee to Christmas at Callanwolde.

Where: Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, 980 Briarcliff Rd, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30306 (404)-872-5338

Parking: Mondays – Friday: Free on-site parking
Saturdays and Sundays: Free on-site parking

Special Thanks to Our Sponsors:

Candler Family | The Coca Cola Company | United Distributors | Ocean Catering Company | Sean O’Keefe Event | Baker Donelson | LEGOLAND®Discovery Center Atlanta |

For details about Christmas at Callanwolde visit: www.callanwolde.org

Proceeds from Christmas at Callanwolde benefit Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, a historic architectural estate serving the community as a non-profit educational center for the visual, literary and performing arts. For more information visit: www.callanwolde.org.

Callanwolde Fine Arts Center is a unique arts center that enriches the lives of thousands of metropolitan Atlantans year-round as they enjoy arts education programs, concerts, gallery exhibits, poetry readings, storytelling evenings, arts festival, events, and outreach programs. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the magnificent Gothic-Tudor style mansion set on 12.5 acre estate in Atlanta’s Druid Hills neighborhood, was built in 1920 as the home of Charles Howard Candler, the eldest son of The Coca-Cola Company founder Asa Candler.