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Christmas At Callanwolde: Your home for the holidays

(Atlanta, GA, October 2, 2013) The joy of the holiday season begins again at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center with *Christmas at Callanwolde*, a spectacular 12-day event, December 6 – 17, 2013. Visitors of all ages will enjoy touring the 27,000 square-foot historic mansion dressed for the holidays by Atlanta’s top interior and floral designers. Every room inspires and captures the spirit of the season.

Staff and volunteers team together to create this spectacular annual holiday event. Volunteer Judy Aleman, Christmas at Callanwolde Chairman and member of the Board of Directors of the Callanwolde Foundation, leads 14 different design groups who provide their talents pro-bono as they “deck the halls” of the estate with seasonal charm.

Christmas at Callanwolde offers a variety of opportunities to celebrate the season with daily events including family activities, evening musical entertainment, seasonal workshops, holiday shopping, and majestic music played on the Aeolian pipe organ.

Highlights include:

- Tour the Historic Mansion decorated by Atlanta’s top interior and floral designers
- VIP Preview Party with von Grey – *Thursday, December 5 at 7 pm (advance reservation only)*
- Breakfast with Santa – *Saturday, December 7 & 14 at 9 am (advance reservation only)*
- Teddy Bear Tea – *Sunday, December 8 & 15 at 3 pm (advance reservation only)*
- Musical Winter Nights – *Friday, December 6 & 13; 6 – 9 pm (advance reservation only)*
- Cocoa & Caroling – *Wednesday, December 11; 5:30 – 7:30 pm*
- Garden Club Day – *Thursday, December 11*
- Holiday Handmade: A market featuring Atlanta Etsy Sellers – *Saturday, December 14; 1 to 4 p.m.*
- Seasonal workshops – *Scheduled daily (see website for details)*
- Holiday Shopping – *open all public hours*

Christmas at Callanwolde Hours: December 6 through 17, 2013

Weekdays and Saturdays: 10 am – 4 pm; Sundays: 11 am – 6 pm;

Extended hours: Wednesday, 5 pm – 7:30 pm

Special ticketed evening events: Friday, December 6 & 13; 6 – 9 pm

General Admission Tickets

Adults: \$20.00

Seniors 65+: \$15.00

Children Ages 4-12: \$12.00

Children 3 and under: Free

Group Sales of 20 or more: call 404-872-5338

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

A **VIP Preview Party**, with live entertainment by von Grey and gourmet food stations from Atlanta’s premier restaurants and caterers, with a complimentary bar, will officially kick off the event on Thursday, December 5 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. \$75 per person (*by advance reservation only*)

Breakfast with Santa: Featuring a kid-friendly breakfast from Chick-fil-A, live entertainment and admission to tour the decorated home, as well as picture-perfect moments when Santa arrives and children share their secret wish lists. *By advance reservation only* - \$20 per person (includes general admission)



Teddy Bear Tea: Charming tabletops, tea and hot chocolate, sandwiches, pastries, live entertainment and admission to tour the decorated home will highlight this delightful afternoon for families. Santa will make a special visit along with time to tell the jolly elf your holiday wish in person. *By advance reservation only* - \$25 per person (includes general admission).

Musical Winter Nights: After touring the mansion, sit and sip a glass of wine and savor a live performance in the Indoor Courtyard, Fridays from 6 to 9 pm. With the Ted Howe Trio and vocalist Francine Reed on December 6 and contemporary jazz trumpeter Joey Sommerville on December 13. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres provided, and wine and beer available for purchase. *By advance reservation only* - \$30 per person (includes general admission).

Cocoa & Caroling: Enjoy hot cocoa and caroling in the charming Callanwolde amphitheater. Admission is \$5, or included with \$20 general admission to tour the decorated home.

Seasonal Workshops: Just in time for the holidays pick up some holiday savvy in topics such as floral design, fine art, painting, holiday culinary, and more! Admission prices for workshops include general admission. See website for details.

Garden Club Day: Enjoy flower demonstrations and guest speakers from Atlanta Botanical Garden and Faith Flowers.

Holiday Handmade: A market featuring Atlanta Etsy Sellers: Handmade holiday products for purchase created by Atlanta Etsy Sellers.

Holiday Shopping: Charming ARTifacts Studio provides unique handmade gifts crafted by Callanwolde artists. Additionally, Nature's Design, Rosemary Knoll, Home Appetit, and Anne's will have a combination of elegant decor and edible holiday gifts available for purchase.

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

Parking: Mondays through Thursdays: Free on-site parking. Fridays through Sundays: Free parking and free shuttle bus service one-half mile north at Emory University Briarcliff Campus, 1256 Briarcliff Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. Bus service begins at 9:30 am and runs until 15 minutes past closing.

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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, jazz concerts, gallery exhibits, poetry readings, storytelling evenings 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.