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GIVERNY SELECTED AS THEME OF ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S 40th ANNUAL DECORATOR'S SHOW HOUSE & GARDENS

Longtime ASA Volunteer Mollie Palmer Named Chair of Benefit

- WHAT:** Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's 2010 Decorator's Show House & Gardens, Presented by the Atlanta Symphony Associates (ASA)
- WHEN:** Saturday, April 17 – Sunday, May 9, 2010
Friday, April 16, 2010 - Opening Night Preview Party
- TIME:** Monday through Wednesday; Friday through Saturday 10:00am – 3:30pm (last entry)
Thursdays 10:00am – 7:30pm (last entry)
Sundays Noon – 4:30pm (last entry)
- WHERE:** 3639 Tuxedo Road, NW Atlanta, GA 30305; parking available at IBM – Northside Parkway
- COST:** \$20 through April 16; \$25 after April 16
\$55 Season Pass (unlimited visits)
- TICKETS:** Woodruff Center Box Office: 404-733-5000 or www.decoratorsshowhouse.org

ATLANTA – The Atlanta Symphony Associates (ASA), the 450-member volunteer organization that supports the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ASO), is proud to present the 2010 Decorators' Show House & Gardens at a magnificent Buckhead estate with more than 4 acres of spectacularly landscaped gardens. A nationally recognized event that donates all proceeds to the ASO's Learning Community, the Show House & Gardens is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year and is the longest running event of its kind in the Southeast.

"I am truly honored to be named as the Chairperson for the 2010 Decorator's Show House & Gardens," says Mollie Palmer, a former Chair and Co-chair for the House Operations Committee in 2009 and 2008, respectively. "Atlanta's design community is incredibly talented. There is a great satisfaction that comes from not only being able to work with them and show off their unique ideas to the rest of the community but also raise money for an organization that provides musical and cultural experiences and fosters a desire to learn in our youth. This year's Show House will feature beautifully landscaped grounds, reminiscent of Claude Monet's 'Giverny,' the theme of the 2010 house. I cannot wait to see how our 28 designers draw inspiration from such an iconic piece of artwork!"

In 2009, more than 1,000 volunteers gave their time to staff the event, which attracted more than 12,000 visitors and helped to raise more than a quarter million dollars for the ASO Learning Community.

Twenty-eight of Atlanta's top interior and landscape designers will showcase their talents transforming twenty-nine design spaces. Following a competitive application process with one of the largest turnouts in Show House history, a selection committee chose principal designers from the following firms:

- Boxwoods Gardens & Gifts
- C. Weaks Interiors
- Closets and More, LLC
- Designs Galleria Kitchen and Bath
- Dillard Design Group
- Ed Castro Landscape
- Insidesign, Inc.
- J. Hirsch Interior Design
- Jim Weinberg Lifestyles
- Lush Life Home & Garden
- Luxury Lifestyles Design
- Marcia Weber Gardens to Love
- Dargan Landscape
- McIntosh Interiors
- McLaurin Interiors
- Meg Adams Interior Design
- Milieu Design Group, Inc.
- Park Place Interiors
- Patricia McLean Interiors, Inc.
- Peace Design
- Raymond Goins
- Regas Interiors, LLC
- Shon Parker Design, Inc.
- Stan Topol & Associates, Inc.
- Stanton Home Furnishings
- Summerour Interiors
- Turner Davis Interiors
- Womack Interiors

A special thank you to all of the past Chairpersons – the 2010 Decorator's Show House Honorary Chairs. The Show House is a project that started with the Junior Committee in 1971 as a fundraiser for the symphony, and because of the dedication of the Committee, has evolved into the premier show house in the Southeast!

The 2010 Decorator's Show House & Gardens is also excited to have *Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles* serving as the Gold sponsor of the event. They have been supporting the Show House for sixteen years!

More information on the Opening Night Preview Party will be released shortly.

About the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, currently in its 65th season, is one of America's leading orchestras, known for the excellence of its live performances, presentations, renowned choruses, and its impressive list of Grammy® Award-winning recordings. The leading cultural organization in the Southeast, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra serves as the cornerstone for artistic development and music education in the region. Under the Creative Partnership of Music Director Robert Spano, Principal Guest Conductor Donald Runnicles, and President and CEO Allison Vulgamore since September 2001, the Orchestra and audiences together explore a creative programming mix, recordings, and visual enhancements, such as the ASO Theater of a Concert, the Orchestra's continuing exploration of different formats, settings, and enhancements for the musical performance experience. Another example is the Atlanta School of Composers, which reflects Mr. Spano and the Orchestra's commitment to nurturing and championing music through multi-year partnerships defining a new generation of American composers.

About Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's Learning Community

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra has been playing educational concerts for young people, and taking its music into schools, hospitals, and community centers since its earliest days. The Orchestra now offers a wide spectrum of engaging and entertaining musical experiences for all ages — in Atlanta Symphony Hall, and throughout the greater Atlanta area. Each year the Orchestra's commitment to music for young people has expanded to create a wider variety of musical and educational experiences for citizens of all ages. ASO musicians travel throughout the greater Atlanta area, partnering with community groups and schools to perform concerts in small community venues, coaching young musicians and providing classical music education for all ages. The programs are designed to educate, stimulate interest in classical music, and create musical opportunities for people who may not otherwise have access to them. The Learning Community at the ASO is generously funded in part by The Zeist Foundation.

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