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2012 ATHENS TOUR OF KITCHENS SET FOR APRIL 28th Georgia Children's Chorus fundraiser features homes in The Hill + Oak Grove

Georgia Children's Chorus (GCC) presents The Hill and Oak Grove neighborhoods, one historic and the other built with historic design values, as the sites for its annual fundraiser, the Athens Tour of Kitchens. As part of the tour, celebrity chef **Peter Dale** of The National restaurant will host cooking demonstrations and tastes at the home of internationally acclaimed artist, **Jim Fiscus**, whose home is on the tour. The 100-voice choir in-residence at the **University of Georgia**, led by Artistic Director Carol Reeves, will also perform at 11 a.m. at The Hill with a preview of songs from their upcoming spring concert.

The 2012 Athens Tour of Kitchens is set for **Saturday, April 28** from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Cooking demonstrations with Peter Dale are at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 in advance and can be purchased at georgiachildrenschorus.org or at Athens Interiors Market, House to House Consignment, Appointments at Five and Heery's Too, in Athens, Sunshine Village Gallery in Watkinsville, or at the tour for \$25. Local artist **Jamie Calkin** has donated a commissioned painting of a building of the winner's choice. Calkin is known for his colorful, playful interpretation of iconic buildings around town done in ink and water color, some of which hang in the Student Learning Center at UGA. Raffle tickets are \$5 and available at the event.

Kitchens will take center stage as tourgoers take a peek inside nine Athens homes with styles ranging from historic to modern interiors, art and architecture. Guides will share details about each home's layout, appliances, interiors, art and notable features. Stories surrounding renovations and the design process are a popular feature of the tour.

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The Hill community is a collection of once-endangered historic homes that have been preserved in a setting too pastoral to be so short a drive from downtown Athens. An early 19th-century log cabin, a barn converted into a home and several more conventional historic houses threatened with demolition or decay were moved to this family property by owner Lee Epting. Some of The Hill homes on tour include several circa-1800s properties. The Hill was also a movie location for the 2010 film *Not Since You*.

Built in the early 21st century, Oak Grove is a small neighborhood designed to look much older than it is. Based on the design principles of New Urbanism, the neighborhood is laid out with a Main Street feel because of its human scale and walkability. Homes are situated close to the narrow streets lined with sidewalks. Most feature ample front porches for visiting with neighbors and rear service alleys for garages and driveways. The nostalgic, family-friendly vibe has attracted many young families with small children. The nine homes on tour range from casual eclectic to modern.

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The Georgia Children's Chorus (GCC) is a 100-voice children's chorus in-residence at the Hugh Hodgson School of Music at the University of Georgia. GCC singers ages 8-18 from the Athens area achieve high artistic standards in a nurturing atmosphere. They build teamwork, self-expression and confidence--developing chorally while having fun.

*If you'd like more information about the 2012 **Athens Tour of Kitchens**, contact Cumby Hammock-Cobb at 404.483.4174 or email her at cumby@cumbysinteriors.com.*

*To schedule an audition or for more **information about the Chorus**, contact the GCC office at 706.542.8711, gcc@uga.edu, or visit our website at georgiachildrenschorus.org.*