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## ***Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles* magazine and the Alliance Theatre Announce the 2008 Christmas House**

*Atlanta's Best Designers Chosen to Decorate the Stately Buckhead Mansion*

Atlanta, GA (August, 2008) – *Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles* magazine and the Alliance Theatre have chosen the 34th-annual Christmas House and the select group of designers who will decorate the space for the 2008 holiday fundraiser. The stately Georgian-style home chosen is located at 1620 Mount Paran Road in Buckhead and sits on 2 acres of prime real estate. The home was designed by the renowned Harrison Design Associates architectural design firm and built by Canonbury Homes.

The annual Christmas House fundraiser benefits the Tony Award-winning Alliance Children's Theatre, now celebrating its 40th year in Atlanta and as one of the nation's oldest theatre and art education programs. This year, the Alliance Theatre and *Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles* have selected some of the city's—and country's—foremost interior designers, landscape architects and florists to decorate the 12,700-square-foot estate for the holiday season. The spectacular lineup of designers is a who's who of the interior design world and includes the most revered and talented designers in the business. Among the star-studded lineup are Stan Topol (library), Robert Brown (entry and foyer) Carole Weaks (dining room), Suzanne Kasler (grand salon), Matthew Quinn (kitchen), Mimi Williams (gallery), Gretchen Edwards (keeping room) and Bill Hudgins (front porch and terrace) to name a few.

The Christmas House will be open to the public for tours beginning Saturday, November 15 and ending Sunday, December 7. Tickets are \$20 per person at the door, and the house is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Soups, salads, sandwiches, and seasonal desserts will be for sale on site at Café Noel, and holiday gifts will be for purchase at the special shop by Boxwoods Gardens & Gifts, Inc.

Patron and sponsorship opportunities are available to both individuals and businesses from \$350 to \$35,000. Some of the benefits include tickets to the Preview Party, a black tie event on the evening of November 14, tickets to tour the Christmas House and for contributions at the \$7,500 level and above, use of the house for a private holiday function at a reduced rate. For more information

on sponsorship packages, please contact Gina Christman at 404.965.4414 or [gchristman@atlantahomesmag.com](mailto:gchristman@atlantahomesmag.com). The black tie party is also open to the public and tickets are priced at \$175 per person or \$350 per couple. The event will feature a silent auction and live entertainment. Additionally, the house may be rented for private events from November 17 to December 9 by calling 404.733.4620.

The Alliance Children's Theatre's Christmas House 2008 will be located at 1620 Mount Paran Road in Buckhead. For more information, please visit [www.alliancetheatre.org](http://www.alliancetheatre.org).

**About the Alliance Theatre:**

Now in its 40th season, Atlanta's nationally acclaimed Alliance Theatre, recipient of the 2007 Regional Theatre Tony Award®, is the leading professional resident theatre of the Southeast, creating the powerful experience of shared theatre for diverse people on two stages for youth and adult audiences. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Susan V. Booth and Managing Director Thomas Pechar, the Alliance Theatre employs more than 200 professional artists, technicians and staff to ensure the highest artistic standards are maintained. Known for its national role in creating significant theatrical works, the Alliance launched three Tony Award-winning hits to Broadway: Alice Walker's ***The Color Purple***, Elton John and Tim Rice's ***Aida***, and Alfred Uhry's ***The Last Night of Ballyhoo***. The Alliance Theatre also offers extensive education and outreach programs such as the Institute for Educators and the Collision Project for high school students. The Alliance continuously brings Atlanta the finest talent and finest art—proving once again that the Alliance is where great theatre lives. 404.733.4650 or [www.alliancetheatre.org](http://www.alliancetheatre.org).