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APC presents the 15th Annual Phoenix Flies: A Celebration of Atlanta's Historic Resources March 3-25, 2018

ATLANTA (February 9, 2018) – The Atlanta Preservation Center (APC) will present the award-winning *Phoenix Flies: A Celebration of Atlanta's Historic Sites* March 3 through March 25. The month-long festival celebrating Atlanta's cultural and historical resources will showcase 99 Preservation Partners offering over 200 events, including guided walking tours, lectures, storytelling, open houses and more, all available to the public free of charge. Over a dozen new partners have joined the celebration this year, including the DeFoor Centre, featuring a tour of the Battle of Peachtree Creek; Civil Bikes, offering a tour of Civil Rights sites in the MLK, Jr.-Auburn Avenue Historic Districts, the Glenn House in Inman Park, the Gilded Angel Gallery in Candler Park, and the Clay Cemetery in Kirkwood.

“Because of Atlanta's reputation, many people may not realize the rich historic resources that have been preserved by many civic and business leaders,” said Boyd Coons, APC Executive Director. “We are grateful to all of our partners, who come together to promote our history and our culture through this unprecedented effort each year.”

A highlight this year will be several events that will focus on Atlanta's iconic architects Neel Reid and Philip Schutze, including tours of the Goodrum House and the Andrew Calhoun Estate (Tyggeson), a new partner. The Institute of Classical Architecture & Art-SE Chapter will offer its annual Schutze Fellows Lecture at the Schutze-designed Little Chapel at Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church, another first-time event for Phoenix Flies.

Foremost Atlanta sculptor Julian Hoke Harris will be featured for the first time this year with an open house at new partner Cherrylion Studios, as well as being the topic of a lecture by Atlanta architectural historian Dr. Robert M. Craig. Other events celebrating the arts, which have historically contributed so much to Atlanta's culture, include the Atlanta Ballet, the Museum of Contemporary Art, and new partners the Carlos Museum and David Knox Photography.

Local Architectural Tourist Terry Kearns returns to provide his view on how to grow the preservation community, while the Atlanta Regional Commission, the Atlanta Urban Design Commission, and the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia DNR will offer a panel discussion on the latest preservation trends and projects in the Atlanta area.

The Apex Museum, Sweet Auburn Curb Market, Sweet Auburn Works, the Atlanta Daily World, and new partner Constellations will combine to illustrate the revitalization of the Old Fourth Ward. Tours of the

Balzer Theatre, the Healey Building, and the Rialto Theatre will offer visitors a view of the revitalized Fairlie-Poplar Historic District. Events at the English Avenue School, the Herndon Home, the Hammond House, the Wren's Nest, and the Historic Westside Cultural Arts Council tours will be among the assets of the west side.

Returning popular events include historic cemeteries at Oakland, Southview, Sylvester Westview, and Utoy, along with numerous churches and houses of worship. The popular fabulous Fox Theatre also returns this year, along with the Piedmont Driving Club, the Eastlake Golf Club and the Atlanta Woman's Club. The Atlanta Preservation Center will again offer its Box City program for children, an open house, and tours of Atlanta's historic neighborhoods. A new offering this year is the North Avenue-Georgia Tech Tour.

All events are free to the public, but reservations may be required for some events. Members of Atlanta Preservation Center receive priority booking. Visit www.preserveatlanta.com for information.

The Atlanta Preservation Center serves as the City's private non-profit preservation organization. It was founded in 1979 to promote the preservation of Atlanta's architecturally, historically and culturally significant buildings, neighborhoods, and landscapes through education and advocacy.

The Center has worked to preserve thousands of endangered residential and commercial structures, neighborhoods and landscapes. The Center's walking tours of historic neighborhoods and sites, school programs, workshops and *The Phoenix Flies: A Celebration of Atlanta's Historic Sites* educate thousands of students, residents, and visitors each year about the value of protecting and reusing Atlanta's landmark buildings. For more information, please visit www.preserveatlanta.com or call 404-688-3353.

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The Battle of Peachtree Creek Walking Tour

Tours will begin in the Defoor Centre parking lot with a brief discussion of the circa 1850 Defoor Centre/Ragsdale House history. The approximately 1.5-mile hike will include visits to the Outer Defensive Line, the Old Mt. Zion Church, the Embry Plantation, and more. Parking is available at the Defoor Centre. The tour's host will be Hoke Kimball, a member of APC.

He is the author of a history of Defoor Centre, *A Study of 1710 Defoor Avenue*, published in 2014.

Defoor Centre is located at 1710 Defoor Ave., Atlanta, GA 30318.

Sunday, March 11, 2-4 pm

Sunday, March 18, 2-4 pm

Sunday, March 25, 2-4 pm

The tour is appropriate for those aged 15 and up, but those physically challenged may want to arrange pickup at Tanyard Creek Park at approximately 3pm. In the event of inclement weather, tours will be cancelled. Tours start at 2pm.

RSVP to the Atlanta Preservation Center at phoenixfliesreservations@preserveatlanta.com or call 404-588-3353, ext. 15. Limited to 10 guests.

Defoor Centre's Mission Statement:

To serve as a unique Atlanta venue for celebrations, weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs and to support the APC in its efforts to preserve Atlanta's historic places.