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## **Symphony Guild of Charlotte Cooks Up 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kitchen Tour on Oct. 17 Fundraiser for Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, Youth Orchestras and Youth Music Education**

Charlotte, NC, June 11, 2015...The Symphony Guild of Charlotte will host its second annual Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour on Oct. 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., showcasing splendidly appointed indoor and outdoor kitchens in eight homes in South Charlotte that reflect the latest in design.

“Based on the success of last year’s inaugural Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour, it’s clear that Charlotteans welcome the opportunity to view first-hand extraordinary kitchens in spectacular settings,” said Barbara Kopald, event co-chair. “The 2015 Kitchen Tour is sure to captivate participants as well, whether to glean ideas and inspiration for their own remodeling projects or simply to admire beautiful décor.”

Kicking off the Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour will be the Prelude to the Tour party on Oct. 11, from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Atherton Market – located in the center of Charlotte’s home design industry. Reverberating with classic South End vibe, the casual evening will feature an array of hors d’oeuvres from Napa on Providence, Skate Rink Jukebox band for all types of listeners and dancing, and a silent auction.

Both the kitchen tour and preview party are open to the public, and will benefit the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestras, and youth music education. Kitchen Tour tickets will be sold online beginning Aug. 1 on the Symphony Guild of Charlotte’s website at [symphonyguildcharlotte.org](http://symphonyguildcharlotte.org). Tour tickets will be \$25 (\$30 at the door and at several retail outlets); Prelude Party tickets will be \$50.

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To accentuate the tour experience, each house on the Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour will include a special event, such as chefs from area restaurants and culinary schools serving samples of their signature dishes, floral demonstrations, and tastings from specialty food shops. In addition, talented young musicians from the Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestras will provide background music as guests enjoy the homes' lovely surroundings on their self-guided tours. It will be all things culinary with a dash of culture!

For more information about the Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour, visit [symphonyguildcharlotte.org](http://symphonyguildcharlotte.org).

### About The Symphony Guild of Charlotte

The Symphony Guild of Charlotte, Inc., creates, develops, and promotes an interest in symphonic music in Charlotte and the surrounding metropolitan area. The nonprofit organization also provides financial and volunteer support to the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, the Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestras, and symphonic music education. The organization was founded in 1950 as the Charlotte Symphony's Women's Association. Since its inception, The Symphony Guild of Charlotte has given nearly \$6 million to the Charlotte Symphony, with over \$800,000 of that amount dedicated to youth music education programs since 2000. For more information, visit [symphonyguildcharlotte.org](http://symphonyguildcharlotte.org).

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