



HISTORIC SAVANNAH FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL GALA IS OCT. 21 AT ATLANTIC AVENUE MALL

SAVANNAH, GA – September 29, 2017 – Savannah's most enthusiastic supporters of historic preservation will gather Saturday, Oct. 21 for an evening of dining, dancing and delightful company at the Atlantic Avenue Mall in Ardsley Park.

The Historic Savannah Foundation's 2017 Annual Gala, a members-only event, begins with privately hosted cocktail parties in a variety of Ardsley Park homes. At 7 p.m., guests will make their way over to the Mall for a sumptuous dinner, prepared by Chef Nick Mueller, and networking. Guests will enjoy an open bar and live music as they stroll through the palm-tree lined outdoor venue nestled between 44th and 45th streets in one of the Hostess City's most architecturally intriguing neighborhoods. To cap of the glamorous evening, HSF will conduct a raffle drawing for a \$5,000 cash prize. Raffle tickets – on sale now through HSF – cost \$100, and attendance is not necessary to win.

Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF), saves buildings, places, and stories that define Savannah's past, present, and future. The annual gala, now in its 26th year, has set the bar as one of the city's most elegant and festive fundraisers, always drawing a crowd eager to help maintain Savannah's unique beauty and remarkable past.

Lisa Pinyan of LS3P/Dawson is serving as the chair of 2017 HSF Gala, supported by vice chair Natallie Santiago. Top-level Oglethorpe Sponsors include Ameris Bank, LS3P/Dawson, The Pinyan Company, Tharpe Engineering Group, and Dirrt.

The gala is also possible thanks to the support of community members and local organizations, who lend helping hands and offer other services. First Presbyterian Church on nearby Washington Avenue is partnering with HSF to store and arrange flowers in the church for the traditional stunning floral arrangements enjoyed by gala attendees. After the gala has concluded, the church's outreach committee will deliver the floral arrangements to congregation members in nursing homes and hospitals.

"We have a beautiful, historic city that we can be proud of, and HSF is determined to protect that foundation and build on it, as we have for years. Historic preservation isn't only about saving old buildings, though. Everyone in Savannah has a vested interest in the work we do, as preservation revives neighborhoods, creates jobs and investment opportunities, brings visitors to our city, and infuses the economy and the community with energy," HSF Development Director Meghan Lowe said. "For these reasons – and those of a social nature – we hope

Savannah residents will join us at the gala to celebrate and ensure the continuance of our efforts.”

HSF's Annual Gala is the organization's largest fundraiser with all proceeds benefitting ongoing preservation initiatives through advocacy, education, and community-involvement efforts.

Tickets are \$250 for HSF members and \$300 for non-members, which includes an annual HSF membership. Corporate and individual patronage packages are available. Additional ticket and sponsorship information can be found online at www.myhsf.org or by contacting HSF Development Director Meghan Lowe at 912-233-7787 or mloew@myHSF.org.

For more information about the Historic Savannah Foundation, the Annual Gala or purchasing a raffle ticket, please visit www.myHSF.org, email info@myHSF.org, or call 912-233-7787.

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