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**THE ATLANTA OPERA OPENS 2011-2012 SEASON  
WITH *THE ATLANTA OPERA BALL: INDULGE YOUR SENSES*  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 -- ST. REGIS ATLANTA**

**Evening Features a Luxury Silent and Live Auction, Dinner,  
Dancing, and Special Opera Performance**

**Event to Honor Atlanta Opera Chorus Master Walter Huff  
and The Atlanta Opera Chorus**

**Atlanta, GA** – To kick-off Atlanta’s fall social season, The Atlanta Opera will hold *The Atlanta Opera Ball: Indulge Your Senses* on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at The St. Regis Atlanta at 88 W. Paces Ferry Road in Buckhead. *The Atlanta Opera Ball*, chaired by Merry Carlos and Cathy Cooper, will begin at 6:30 p.m. and includes a luxury silent and live auction, an elegant dinner, dancing to the music of “The American Flyers,” and a special opera performance. Patron tickets, starting at \$1,500, are on sale now, and individual tickets, \$300 per person, will be available beginning August 1. Funds generated from *The Atlanta Opera Ball* will be used to maintain the exceptional artistic quality of The Atlanta Opera, one of this city’s cultural gems.

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## **Event Details**

- What:** The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual *Atlanta Opera Ball*
- Where:** The St. Regis Atlanta  
88 West Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30305
- When:** Saturday, September 17, 2011
- Time:** 6:30 p.m.
- Tickets:** Patron tickets start at \$1,500  
Single tickets are \$300 per person – available beginning August 1  
For tickets and further information, please contact 404-591-2928,  
[amandaw@atlantaopera.org](mailto:amandaw@atlantaopera.org) or visit [www.atlantaopera.org](http://www.atlantaopera.org).
- Event Co-Chairs:** Merry Carlos and Cathy Cooper
- Honorees:** Atlanta Opera Chorus Master Walter Huff and The Atlanta Opera Chorus

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## **About The Atlanta Opera**

Founded in 1979, The Atlanta Opera is one of the finest regional opera companies in the nation, drawing audiences from the entire metropolitan Atlanta area as well as from the Southeast region. Led by Zurich General Director Dennis Hanthorn, The Atlanta Opera strives to expand the experience of its patrons with memorable and exciting opera performances reflecting the highest musical and theatrical standards, while supporting community and educational programs. The company also works to attract the finest international, national, and regional singers, conductors, stage directors and designers. Each season The Atlanta Opera presents three productions with four performances each at the Cobb Energy Centre.

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