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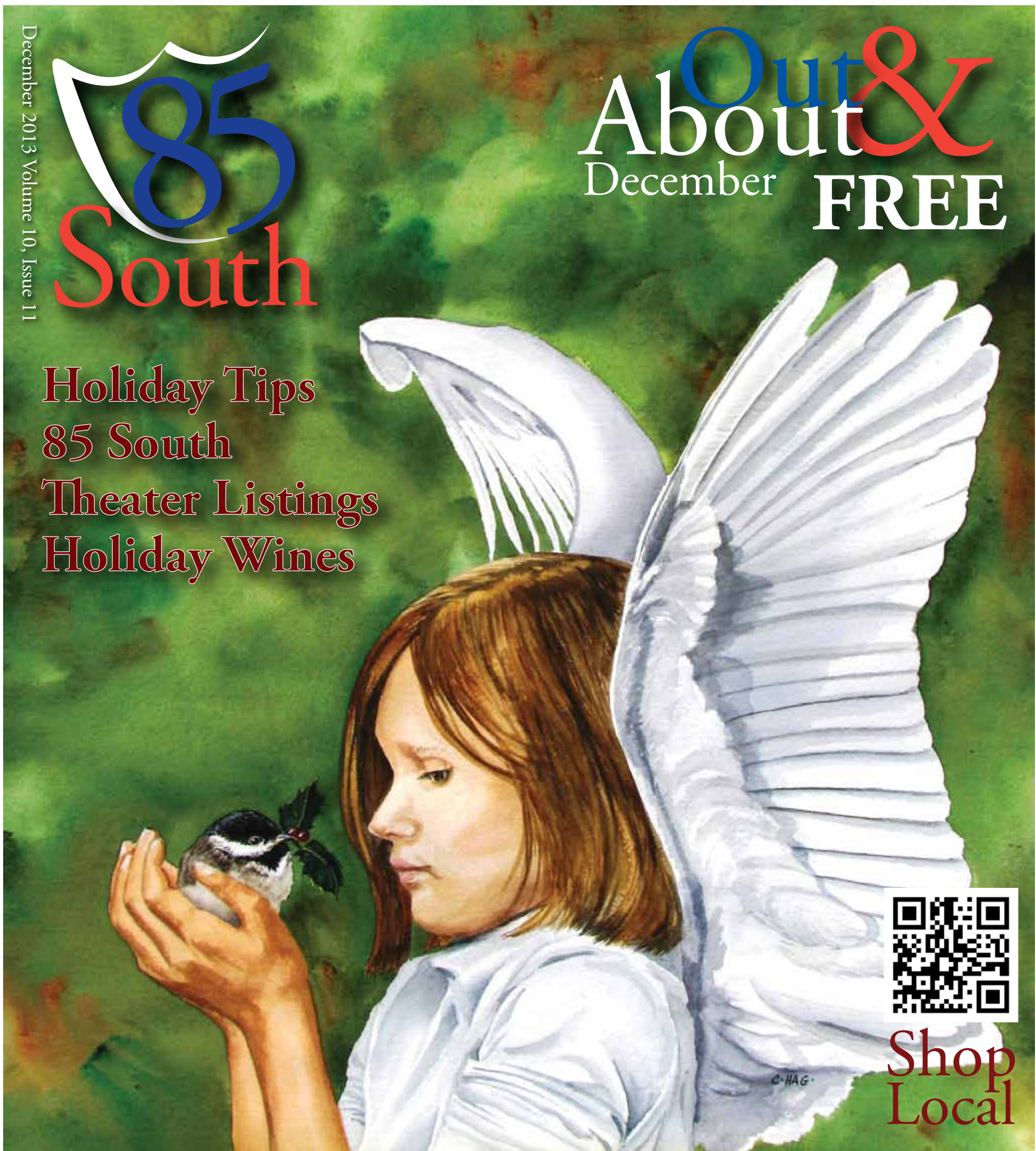
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# Out & About Atlanta

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## What's Happening! Atlanta

**Through Dec 29:** Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer at the Center for Puppetry Art. Recommended for ages 4 & up. Based on the beloved 1964 stop-motion animated special, Rudolph and his friends. (Single show tickets - Members: \$9.25; Non-Members: \$16.50, includes Create-A-Puppet Workshop and Museum.) puppet.org

**Through Dec 31:** A Stone Mountain Christmas. (Dec 23-27: Educator Appreciation Week, includes discounts for PTA members) - See website for full details and ticket pricing. stonemountainpark.com/events.

**Through Jan 4:** "Festival of the Season" at the Georgia Aquarium, including a holiday light show, musical performances and appearance by Santa and SCUBA Claus and more.

(Weekends in Dec: Ages 12 & Over: \$34.95; Ages 3-12: \$28.95; Age 65+ \$30.95. See website for weekday admission cost.) georgiaaquarium.org

**Through Jan 4:** "Garden Lights-Holiday Nights" at Atlanta Botanical Garden. Visit website for pricing and times. atlantabotanicalgarden.org

**Through Jan 5:** 7a-11p: Holiday in Lights in Centennial Olympic Park. Free. centennialpark.com

**Through Jan 5:** Enjoy Atlanta's only outdoor ice skating rink at Centennial Olympic Park. (\$10 per person includes skate rental.) Due to inclement weather, the ice skating hours are subject to change. Please call ahead to confirm hours of operation at 404.223.4412. For hours of operation visit the website: centennialpark.com

**Dec 4:** Wed 7p, Reading/Book Signing by Bret Witter "Monuments Men" at the Carter Presidential Library & Museum Theater. Free & Open to the Public. jimmycarterlibrary.gov/

**Dec 5 & 7:** Thurs 8p, Sat 2p, Handel's "Messiah" the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Hall. (\$30 - 60 + Fees) atlantasymphony.org

**Dec 5-23:** Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol" at the New American Shakespeare Tavern. (Call 404/874-5299 for reservations and Admission Fees)

**Dec 6:** Fri 8p, Sinbad performs at the Cobb Performing Arts Center. (\$34.50 + Fees) cobbenergycentre.com

**Dec 6-17:** Mon-Sat 10a-4p (extended hrs Wed 5p-7:30p, Sun 11a-6p, Christmas at Callanwolde at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. (Adults-\$20; 65+ - \$15; Ages 4-12 - \$12; Ages 3 & Under - Free.) callanwolde.org

**Dec 6-29:** Atlanta Ballet's Nutcracker at the Fox Theatre. (\$15 - \$88 + Fees) foxtheatre.org

**Dec 7:** Sat 10:30a-Noon, rain or shine, Children's Christmas Parade, begins at Peachtree St. near Baker St. and ends on Centennial Olympic Park Drive. choa.org/parade

**Dec 8:** Sun 7p, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Gospel Christmas, with Atlanta Gospel Singers, at Symphony Hall. (\$20 - 45 + Fees) atlantasymphony.org

**Dec 11:** 5:30p-7p, Cocoa & Caroling at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. Entry to caroling is free, but cocoa and food truck offerings available for cash purchase. callanwolde.org

**Dec 13 & 14:** Fri 8p, Sat 2p & 8p, Christmas with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Hall. (\$29-62 + Fees) atlantasymphony.org

**Dec 13:** Fri 6p-9p, Musical Winter Nights with jazz performance by Joey Sommerville at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center. (Tickets \$30) callanwolde.org

**Dec 14:** Sat 10am-5pm, Holly Jolly Film Fest is presented in conjunction with the festive special exhibition, **Winter Wonderland at Fernbank Museum of Natural History.**

Includes Dinosaur Dance Party with Radio Disney AM590 at 12:30p in the Great Hall. fernbankmuseum.org

**Dec 14:** Sat 8p - Pink at Philips Arena. (\$39.50 - \$125) philipsarena.com

**Dec 14:** Sat 10:30a-4:30p, Annual holiday program "The Holiday Spirit" at the Atlanta History Center. Included with General Admission/Free to Members (Adults- \$16.50; Ages 13-18, 65+ and college students w/ID - \$13; Ages 4-12 - \$11; Under 4, Free) atlantahistorycenter.com

**Dec 15:** Sun 1:30p & 3:30p, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's Kids' Christmas at Symphony Hall. (\$15 - 22 + Fees) atlantasymphony.org

**Dec 16:** Mon 7:30p - Christmas with Amy Grant and Vince Gill, featuring Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

**Dec 17:** Sun 5p, Disney Junior Live on Tour! Pirate & Princess Adventure at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center. (\$20-80 + Fees) cobbenergycentre.com

**Dec 20:** Fri 6:30p-11p, Martinis & IMAX Salsa Night music and free dance lessons from Salsambo Dance Studio at Fernbank Museum of Natural History. fernbankmuseum.org

**Dec 27:** Fri 8p, JAY Z: Magna Carter World Tour at Philips Arena (\$32.50 - \$150) philipsarena.com

**Dec 31:** New Year's Eve Peach Drop at Underground Atlanta. peachdrop.com



### New Year's Eve Peach Drop



*I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow certainly captured the Yuletide spirit with his poem, "Christmas Bells." All of us at 85 South wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season, and offers these...*

## Splendid Ways to Celebrate the Season in Atlanta!

### Celebrate Tradition

Bring back cherished holiday memories at **Cocoa & Caroling at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center**, Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m. Join members of the Atlanta Master Chorale and the students of Springdale Park's Advanced Chorus as they lead everyone in festive holiday songs. A cup of hot cocoa will keep you warmed as you carol in the charming Callanwolde front lawn. This is a free event. callanwolde.org.

### Celebrate Nature

Experience the **Atlanta Botanical Garden** as never before at **The Garden Lights Holiday Nights** through Jan. 4. The garden is transformed into a twinkling winter wonderland, sparkling with new imagination! Imaginary Worlds brightens the glow of the third annual extravaganza featuring a million lights. atlantabotanicalgarden.org



### Celebrate Theatre

Treat the family to **Theatrical Outfit's The Gifts of the Magi**. Jim and Della are penniless at Christmas, and to afford presents for each other, both secretly part with their most precious possessions. In O. Henry's classic holiday story, the two lovers' gesture of giving kindles the holiday spirit in the heart of Atlanta. Through Dec. 22 - theatricaloutfit.org.

### Celebrate Music

Handel's Messiah is quintessential music of the season, and the **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra** brings it to our city on December 5. The Orchestra's acclaimed interpretation of Messiah draws people from across the Southeast. Do not miss a

profoundly moving concert experience. atlantasymphony.org.

### Celebrate Dance

The tradition continues with the magical return of **Atlanta Ballet's Nutcracker** December 6-29. Exquisite dancing, fanciful characters, and a thrilling trip into the Sugar Candy Kingdom await. Enjoy an extra touch of magic when Drew Thomas, professional illusionist and finalist on America's Got Talent, takes on the role of the mysterious Drosselmeyer December 6-15. www.atlantaballet.com.



### Celebrate Architecture

The **18th Annual Virginia-Highland Tour of Homes** features 2-day

event of beautiful architecture and interior design in one of Atlanta's most charming neighborhoods. Eight beautiful homes will be featured plus a bonus stop at the new Briarcliff Summit, originally the Briarcliff Hotel built by Coca-Cola Founder Asa Candler, to give tour goers a rare opportunity to see inside the historic landmark. Tickets are \$25 in advance. Dec. 8 and 9. vahi.org.

### Celebrate & Share Good Fortune

Bring the kids to **Brunch with Santa at Le Meridien** Atlanta Perimeter on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities Atlanta. Entertainment provided by Dunwoody High School Choir and or course, Santa. Don't forget to bring a toy for Toys for Tots. The U.S. Marine Corps will be on hand to collect gifts for less fortunate boys and girls. (770) 396-6800.