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## Symphony Guild of Charlotte's Signature Fundraiser Returns This Fall

Back by popular demand, The Symphony Guild of Charlotte is pleased to announce the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **"Heart of the Home" Kitchen Tour** on Sat., Oct. 15, 2106. This premier annual fundraiser actually begins with the **"Taste of the Tour"** cocktail party on Oct. 13, 2106.

Charlotte Chef Bruce Moffett, owner of Barrington's, Stagioni and Good Food on Montford, and wife Katrina, are the Honorary Chairs of the event. Their beautiful, yet understated home kitchen is one of the featured kitchens on this year's tour. "Bruce and I are thrilled to lend our support to the Symphony Guild, and look forward to welcoming the Symphony's supporters into our home," says Katrina Moffett.

The not-to-be-missed **"Taste of the Tour" Cocktail Party on Thurs., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** will be held in **Ferguson's new South End showroom at 129 W. Summit Ave. from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.** The party's high-energy vibe will include a true preview of the tour -- a duo of dueling chefs, tastings from another three leading chefs, beverage tastings, music, and a knock-out silent auction. An array of gift certificates, adventure packages and other "must have" luxury items will be included in the auction. Party tickets are just **\$50 per person**.

The **"Heart of the Home" Kitchen Tour is Sat., Oct. 15, 2016, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** Eight beautiful homes and their outstanding indoor and outdoor kitchens are showcased on this one-day, self-guided tour. From a contemporary kitchen in Charlotte's most historic carriage house and Chef Moffett's kitchen in South Park, to whimsical kitchens in Dilworth and Myers Park, and two sleek ones in Ballantyne, The Guild has assembled another blockbuster tour.

Guests can expect a sensory-packed day with trending ideas for kitchen makeovers, bold design and innovation, sustainable materials and efficient appliances. Again, renown chefs and artisanal food vendors will offer tastings and culinary demonstrations, product displays, and the glorious music from Charlotte Symphony Youth Orchestra musicians will round out this inspiring event. **Tour tickets are \$25 in advance** online and in several outlets beginning August 1, or **\$30 at any of the featured homes on tour on Oct. 15.**

Proceeds allow The Symphony Guild to support the Charlotte Symphony and its remarkable Youth Orchestras, and the Guild's award-winning youth music educational initiatives which include a transformational week-long summer residential camp for up to 100 Youth Orchestra musicians from 30 schools throughout our region.





For event details, please visit the event website, [www.KitchenTourCharlotte.com](http://www.KitchenTourCharlotte.com). For background information on The Guild, please go to [www.symphonysguildcharlotte.org](http://www.symphonysguildcharlotte.org).

For general questions or sponsorship information, please contact Event Co-Chair Barbara Kopald at 704.256.9713, [chefbgk@aol.com](mailto:chefbgk@aol.com); for auction donations, Auction Co-Chair Sallie Moody, 704.315.8171, [salliemoody01@gmail.com](mailto:salliemoody01@gmail.com).

Since its founding in 1950, The Guild has raised over \$6 million to support the Charlotte Symphony, its Youth Orchestras and youth music education. For 37 years, The Guild produced the Symphony Guild ASID Showhouse, the longest continually-running symphony designer house in the nation. The **2016 Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour** and **Taste of the Tour Party** follow in the footsteps of this grand legacy to keep classical music alive in our region.

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