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The Atlanta Opera Presents *Bon Appétit!* by Lee Hoiby at The Cook's Warehouse

Performance to Benefit The Atlanta Opera

Join The Atlanta Opera on **Thursday, November 4 at 7:30pm** at [The Cook's Warehouse](#) at Ansley Mall for *Bon Appétit!* - a 30-minute operetta based on Julia Child's popular television show. The audience will be transported to Julia Child's famous 1960's kitchen-studio, and will watch mezzo-soprano Susan Nicely whip up some giggles and comedic-fromage. Following the performance, guests will sample Julia's treats, and will have the opportunity to shop in the store and sign up for future cooking classes. Attendees will receive a 10% discount on in-store purchases made that evening. There also will be giveaways. Admission is a **tax-deductible** \$25 donation to The Atlanta Opera. This event is open to the public.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call Amanda Wilborn at 404.591.2928 or visit <http://www.atlantaopera.org/calendar/view.aspx?id=43245960>. Special pricing is available for [Comprimarios](#) members.

About *Bon Appétit!*

Bon Appétit!, by composer Lee Hoiby, was written for comedienne Jean Stapleton as music draped over the words and gestures of Julia Child, the mother-of-all foodies. The libretto, by Mark Shulgasser, is based on a seminal early work by playwright Lanford Wilson, first produced in 1965. The two acts also are based on two episodes of Julia Child's second WGBH-TV season: "the race between the whisk" and "the electric beater comes out of a different cake." Hoiby's music deftly

veers around Broadway chansons, early television, and underlines Julia Child's compelling domestic uplift.

About Susan Nicely

Mezzo-Soprano Susan Nicely is known for her rich voice and vivid characterizations. Her highly acclaimed “lively comic presence” in roles such as Dame Marthe in *Faust*, Old Lady in *Candide*, and Marcellina in *Le nozze di Figaro*, as well as dramatic portrayals in *Cavalleria rusticana* as Mamma Lucia and *The Ballad of Baby Doe* as Mama McCourt make the character mezzo an “audience darling,” says the *Austin American-Statesman*. Her roles have included Gertrude in *Roméo et Juliette* with the New Orleans Opera, Housekeeper in *Man of La Mancha* at the Shreveport Opera, Berta in *Il barbiere di Siviglia* in concert with the Helena Symphony, the Nurse in *Boris Godunov* at the Dallas Opera, and Katasha in *The Mikado* with the Indianapolis Opera. She performed the role of Thelma Predmore in The Atlanta Opera’s 2008 production of *Cold Sassy Tree*.

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. For the 2010-2011 season, The Atlanta Opera presents three productions with four performances each at the Cobb Energy Centre.

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Date: Thursday, November 4, 2010

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: [The Cook’s Warehouse](#) at Ansley Mall

Admission: \$25. All donations are tax-deductible. Open to the public.

To purchase tickets, call Amanda Wilborn at 404.591.2928 or visit atlantaopera.org.

Cast

Susan Nicely, mezzo-soprano

Description

A 30-minute musical extravaganza based on Julia Child’s popular television show! Singer Susan Nicely will whip up some giggles and comedic-fromage and will even “bake” a cake in the

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demonstration kitchen! Following the performance, guests will delight in Julia's yummy treats. Guests also will have the opportunity to shop in the store and sign up for future cooking classes. All of this fun for only \$25!

There will be giveaways and private shopping time. Attendees will receive a 10% discount on in-store purchases made that evening

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