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### *Cooking with Class: A Special Fundraising Event for The Georgia Ballet*

MARIETTA, GEORGIA - The Georgia Ballet concludes its annual *Appetite for Ballet* fundraising series with a special event hosted by local celebrity chef and author Johnnie Gabriel. *Cooking with Class*, led by Gabriel and her team of talented chefs, will be held at Gabriel's Desserts in Marietta on Sunday, June 27th. Guests will participate in a cooking class from 4:30 - 6:00pm and mingle over appetizers on the outdoor patio before enjoying a full dinner from the evening's culinary creations.

The Georgia Ballet's *Appetite for Ballet* fundraising series began in 2008 with the mission to raise local awareness and support for the organization's educational and artistic programs. The events are hosted by members of The Georgia Ballet's board of trustees and friends of the organization. *Cooking with Class* represents a perfect blending of artistry from the kitchen and the dance stage.

Gabriel's relationship with the Ballet began last year when she made a guest appearance in *A Dancing Duet*, a special performance of The Georgia Ballet's *The Nutcracker* to support the organization's collaborative fundraiser with The Center for Family Resources.

"I am so excited to be working with and supporting the talented folks at The Georgia Ballet," says Gabriel, "My experience as a guest dancer with them in *The Nutcracker* last December afforded me a glimpse of the dedicated professionals we are fortunate enough to have in our community. I am certainly not a dancer, but I am a cook and love to entertain. I'm thrilled to be able to support the dance community and do the things that I love to do at the same time. We'll launch our cooking classes at Gabriel's in the fall....this will be a great warm-up for us while benefitting our own true artists!"

Limited quantity tickets for *Cooking with Class* are available for \$75.00. Information about the event can be found online at [www.georgiaballet.org](http://www.georgiaballet.org) or by calling 770-528-0881. Reservations accepted until Wednesday, June 23rd.

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*The Georgia Ballet, comprised of a professional dance company and a dance school, was founded in 1960. The Georgia Ballet's mission is to promote excellence in ballet performance and training, foster an increased public awareness and appreciation for dance, and provide dedicated and talented dancers with the opportunity for advanced level training and professional performance venues.*

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