



Lew Dickey, Modern Luxury Media's chairman, shared an inspiring moment with Atlanta International School's bright young minds, representing the next generation of discerning readers and cultural influencers.

A letter from the MARKET PRESIDENT

The Future Is Bright

he first issue of *The Atlantan* in 2025 fills me with excitement for the incredible new features and events Modern Luxury has planned for the year ahead. It also brings a sense of nostalgia as I reflect on my 22-year journey with this remarkable company, from starting as an intern to now serving as market president. I truly consider it both an honor and a privilege to love what I do and cherish the people I work for and collaborate with every day.

If you haven't yet picked up the 2025 Charity and Social Datebook—a comprehensive guide to the city's most prestigious philanthropic galas, balls, teas, fashion shows, fundraisers and events for the year—I encourage you to do so before they're gone. Congratulations to cover star Mitzi Solomon; guest editor Bonneau Ansley; and social spotlight award recipients Jennifer Alewine, Shanna Bradley, Mitch and Sonny Hires, Tad Hutcheson, Stacey and Lily Leebern, Reggie McKnight, Vicki

and John Palmer, Payal Pittie Rao, Caryl Greenberg Smith and Liz Stewart. We're thrilled to celebrate this inspirational group at our upcoming Charity and Social Datebook Party. As you see these game changers around town, please congratulate them on their Modern Luxury awards.

Speaking of incredible people doing phenomenal things, we adore the above photo of Lew Dickey (chairman of Modern Luxury Media) teaching the next generation all about Modern Luxury in Atlanta International School's third grade French class. Au revoir until the next issue!

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SAVE THE DATE

For events to liven up your social calendar during the doldrums of winter, check out our February agenda. by NELL RAINER

EBRUARY

2/6 BATTLE FOR THE BRAIN

The 8th annual Battle for the Brain is both a fun and philanthropic event. This lip-syncing competition, held at Coca-Cola Roxy concert hall, is the signature event for Daughters Against Alzheimer's. Lipsyncing teams include the Atlanta Falcons Cheerleaders, Delta Airlines, and the "tootsies." 800 Battery Ave. SE, battleforthebrain.org

2/5-7 SCAD TV FEST

Savanna College of Art and Design has hosted SCAD TV Fest for over a decade, spotlighting the latest in television, design, streaming, and digital media. A few of this year's honored guests include Matt Bomer, Joel Kim Booster, Kelsey Grammer, Deanna Greif, and George Lopez. The 8th annual Battle for the Brain will be held at Coca-Cola Roxy, supporting Daughters Against Alzheimer's. 1470 Spring St. NW, 40 SCAD Way, scadtvfest.com

2/7-9 ATLANTA SYMPHONY HALL: HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS PART IIN CONCERT

Harry Potter fanatics will be wholly immersed in the incredible adventures of Harry Potter. Watch the film on a 40-foot screen while Justin Freer conducts the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra in performing Alexandre Desplat's score. 1280 Peachtree St. NE, aso.org

2/8 EVENING OF ENERGY

This glamorous gala will be held at the St. Regis Hotel. The second annual Evening of Energy will benefit mitochondrial research, which is crucial for understanding cellular function, genetic disorders, and other diseases. Guests will enjoy bottomless cocktails, dinner, and silent and live auctions benefiting from this philanthropic cause. 88 W. Paces Ferry Road NW, aesbid.net

2/8 JEFF DUNHAM AT FOX THEATRE

Jeff Dunham, ventriloquist and standup comedian, is back on the stage after a pandemic pause. Dunham's show, Artificial Intelligence, will bring absurdity and laughs to Fox Theatre this February. 660 Peachtree St. NE, foxtheatre.org

2/14-17 RINGLING BROTHERS AND BARNUM AND BAILEY CIRCUS

For a night that offers heartstopping stunts and exciting performances of epic proportions, take your family to see this jawdropping show at State Farm Arena. Witness the fun and the talent of these world-class performers this month. 1 State Farm Drive, ringling.com

2/15 THE ATLANTA OPERA GALA: BEL CANTO

The Bel Canto Gala with the Atlanta Opera promises to be a night of timeless beauty. Take in the elegance of 19th-century Europe while enjoying a delicious dinner, beautiful performances, and an exciting auction. Opera lovers gather at Flourish events to support the Atlanta Opera. 3143 Maple Drive NE, atlantaopera.org

2/21 DANCING WITH THE STARS LIVE

See the glitz and glam of Dancing With the Stars before your eyes, as this all-new show is a performance you don't want to miss. Season 33 favorite Stephen Nedoroscik will cohost the tour alongside the Dancing With the Stars pro dancers. 660 Peachtree St. NE, dwtstour.com

2/25-3/2 25TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR OF *MAMMA MIA!*

For nearly 25 years, audiences worldwide have enjoyed the humorous tale of mother, daughter, and three possible fathers. Don't miss this feel-good show, as MAMMA MIA! will only be in Atlanta for one week. 660 Peachtree St. NE, mammamiathetour.com