

# THE PORCH™

*Talk show for and about Georgia and the great Southeast now playing*

**Athens Georgia** - Imagine ABC's *The View* with a Dixie drawl and you'll have a pretty good idea what to expect from *The Porch*, a lively new talk show that you can now watch at your leisure via the Internet at [www.theporch.tv/](http://www.theporch.tv/)

Like the screened, shaded sanctuary for which it's named, *The Porch* is a place for casually serious conversation about anything and everything, from fashion to flu shots, from party-planning to politics. *The Porch* is taped before an audience in The Rialto Club at the Hotel Indigo in downtown Athens, but this breezy show is designed to reflect not just the Classic City but all of Northeast Georgia and the surrounding Southeast.

In the pilot episode, which had multiple broadcasts on the University of Georgia-owned WNEG-TV in December and is now available to one and all online, the show's four co-hosts chat with Marianne Gordon Rogers about modeling, *Hee Haw* and her former husband, Kenny Rogers. Caterer, historic preservationist and raconteur Lee Epting shares tips on entertaining and a story about the bathtub on his porch. And Ruth Barrow Bracewell talks about Madison, Georgia, and its historic homes. Porches in Madison are spotlighted in the pilot's opening and closing credits.

Each of *The Porch*'s regulars brings a singular perspective to the show. Paige Carmichael is a professor of veterinary medicine at the University of Georgia and an unabashed *fashionista*. Jennifer Wootton is executive director of the Athens Junior League and a Cajun cook. Liz Dalton is a radio talk-show host who has tangoed for *Dancing with the Athens Stars*. Marty Winkler is a versatile singer-songwriter who's as comfortable in the woods as she is on stage. Together they're that lively table at the restaurant to which you wish you could pull up an extra chair. Now, with *The Porch*, you can.

*The Porch* is slated to go into production as a weekly series in late March 2010. Episodes will be available on broadcast outlets, such as WNEG and other stations throughout Georgia, as well as online at [www.theporch.tv](http://www.theporch.tv). Look to this website for announcements about upcoming tapings, guests, airdates and *Porch*-related activities.

*The Porch* is a production of TerraVision in association with The Rialto Club, Hotel Indigo.

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