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Nestled in the northern hills of Westchester County is the well-heeled bedroom community of Chappaqua, New York. Genteel, charming and elegant, Chappaqua's bucolic beauty belies its close proximity to Manhattan; no doubt part of the allure for those who choose to call the area home.

Perched atop a hill in this idyllic community is Rosewood. A brilliant gem of mammoth

proportions the home, currently offered for sale through Sotheby's International Realty, is situated at the end of a meandering allée of trees amid eighty-seven acres of park-like beauty.

Despite the unmistakable aura of quiet elegance - a trait normally reserved for English manors dating back centuries - this contemporary estate was designed in 2004 by renowned architect Boris Baranovich.





While the exterior of the home; replete with hand crafted stone walls, a multi-story rotunda and crisp white millwork is nothing short of stunning, it does little to prepare you for the gracious richness waiting to be discovered inside.

Baranovich worked with the homeowners and interior designer Richard Keith Langham to create a space that, while indisputably stately, successfully preserved all the warmth and intimacy of a true family home.

As you enter through the front door it is immediately apparent that those who designed Rosewood left no detail of its prodigious 20,000sf to chance or happenstance.

"Each detail, every choice for this house was made by conscious decision", says the homeowner, her passion when discussing her home delightfully warm and infectious. "After interviewing architects and designers, we chose Boris (Baranovich) whose architectural work we had seen and admired. We knew we wanted to work with Keith (Richard Keith Langham). Collaborating with them on this house was a joyous experience".

Having built several homes prior to Rosewood, the clients were well aware of how laboriously consuming the process could be. Selecting professionals who





not only shared a vision for the home, but what seems to be a genuine respect and affection for each brilliant decision in itself.

Despite her own obvious and well-honed design acumen, the homeowner is quick to recognize and applaud the brilliance of the team she and her husband put together for the project.

“Look at the way the doors to this sitting room tuck into the millwork when they are opened. That is all Boris. That’s his genius. Did you notice the way the fabrics are lined in contrasting silk? I love that. That’s Keith, his attention to detail, his eye for color.”

From the rock crystal pendants that drip from the dressing room chandelier like milky tears to the masterfully applied shades of peach paint in the master bath that create an effect of undulating motion on each wall; every inch of Rosewood is a carefully thought out, impeccably executed piece of artistry.

In the main entry, your eye is immediately drawn to the elaborately carved crown mouldings that follow the sinuous curves of coffered ceilings, the regal columns and the elegant, sweeping staircase that proudly winds itself up towards the domed rotunda peak.

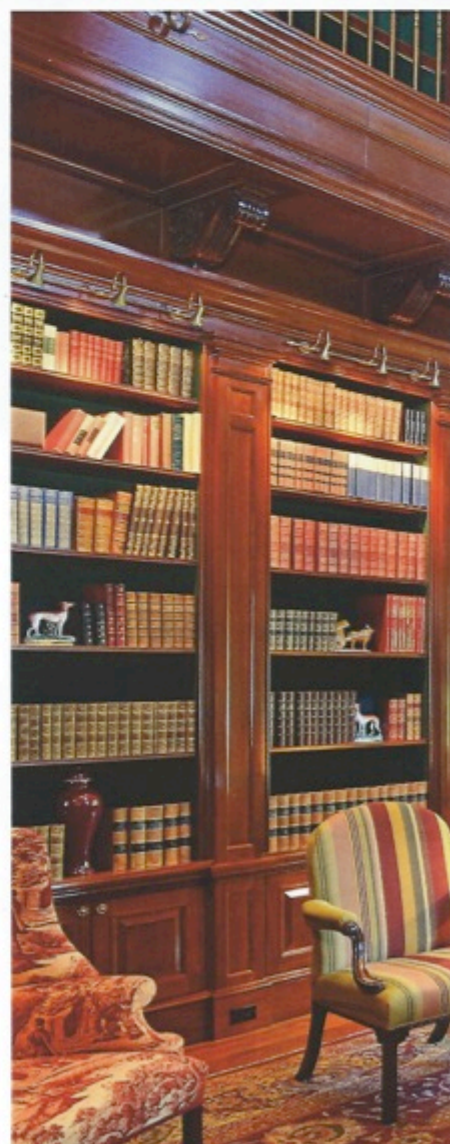


Illuminating this grand foyer is an antique French chandelier, one of the homeowner's favorites among this trove of treasures. Completely restored, the original crystals have been polished and embellished with a few delicious, apple green additions - all the better to complement the tufted, orbital sofa that sits beneath. Though the chandelier's candles have long been replaced by modern bulbs, it remains easy to imagine this bejeweled centerpiece's bygone past... undoubtedly spent casting sparkling, romantic light over French soirees.

Off the entry, a main floor powder room literally glows with walls that reflect the color of molten honey and warms a floor crafted of polished onyx. The entire effect is heightened by lighting that doesn't turn on so much as it comes up; illuminating the room gradually, elegantly as if watching a dramatic curtain rise.

The entertainment room, anchored by a commandingly handsome 19th century billiard table; features a bar, elaborately carved fireplace, sumptuous velvet seating and a state of the art media system designed with acoustics so meticulously engineered that guests literally feel - as well as hear - the effect as they enter into the plush burgundy space.

In the double storied library, hand crafted mahogany bookcases rise to terrific heights, meeting the bronze railing of the office loft above. And because every proper manor house must have a secret or two, one of these monolithic sections swings open at a touch, revealing the hidden staircase for which it stands sentry.





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Not to be outdone by the grandeur of the public spaces, the more intimate areas of the home are equally stunning. The master bedroom is dominated by a regal canopy bed of French inspired design. The opulent, decadent piece is centered beneath an oval, coffered ceiling painted an indescribable color reminiscent of Provence at dusk. A true suite, the master further extends to offer a sitting room, his and her closets, dressing rooms, an enclosed pantry to prepare morning coffee and elegantly appointed baths – all connected by a labyrinth of beautifully inlaid floors and fine woolen carpets accented by detail-rich alcoves.

Other family bedrooms and guest suites are spectacularly designed retreats rich in details and featuring lofts and coves that bring a sense of scale and warmth to the rooms, despite the lofty proportions.

The traditional heart of any home, the vast kitchen and adjacent family room retain that signature feeling of intimacy so apparent throughout the house. Inviting spaces are cleverly carved out, beckoning visitors to sit by an open hearth, curl up on a couch or lounge beneath soaring windows.

Amidst the framed photos, well read books and travel mementos that weave the fabric of family life, one tiny symbol might best personify life in this home. A faint, barely perceptible imprint of a happy face remains etched on the surface of the gleaming, dark wood kitchen table – a cherished relic left by couple's then eight year old son. Be it ever so humble...

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