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Georgian



Houmas House



Deep South

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"The future of our civilization depends on our ability to select and control our heritage from the past, to alter our present attitudes and habits, and to project fresh forms into which our energies may be freely poured." Lewis Mumford – Architectural Critic

The Precedents & the Story:

Architect Jorge Abad and the homeowners worked closely to come up with a particular style of Historic Plantation home with al the modern conveniences.

"We wanted to create a home with all the characteristics of the old south and continue the styles of the most legendary architects of the most beautiful plantations. The home is a compilation of details from some of the most notariable mansions throughout Louisiana and Mississippi."

The homeowners



Rear View with Garden

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Formal Dining Room with Marble Fireplace Surround,
Hand-Cut Panels and Custom Cherry Pocket Doors Leading into the Cherry Room

The home was designed following the principles of Modern Classicism, which emphasize the interpretation and reinterpretation of precedents in vernacular styles. Modern Classicism allows a connection with ideas and events in the past. It engages tradition, without imitating it, and it merges it with the vitality of modern living.

The architectural inspiration for the home comes from the vernacular architecture of the Old South. Queues come from plantations in such places as Louisiana and Mississippi, where wealthy planters lived in graceful and grand homes built to accommodate lavished lifestyles. From this era one can derive many examples of fine architecture, among them Oak Alley and Ashland. The architectural characteristics that translate from plantation homes to the design of The Magnolia reside in the eclectic combination of Greek Revival and Georgian styles, clearly represented in the use of materials with character such as hand made brick and redwood, the formal and informal use of gardens and verandas, and the detail of the cornices and columns.



Formal Living Room with Marble Fireplace Surround

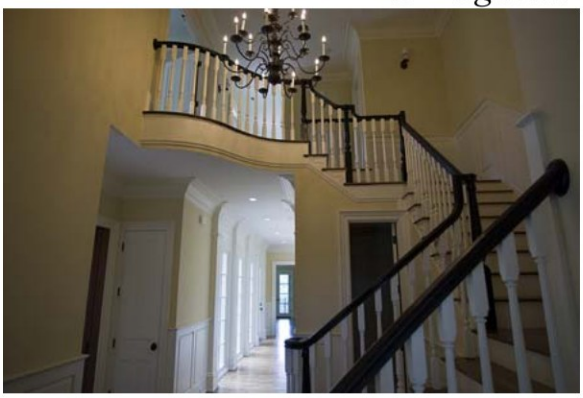
Beyond this interpretation of historical elements, is the influence of Louisiana Architect A. Hayes Town. Mr. Town's style is both dynamic and timeless, rooted in history and in place. It lends itself to the building's maturity, more than to its newness, allowing the occupants to embrace their environment with instant familiarity. Most of his homes

utilize locally available materials which weather naturally and nicely in Louisiana's climate. The owners enjoyed reading a folio of Mr. Town's work and thought to apply some of his concepts into the design of their home.

The home has an approximate area of 10,400 square feet in four levels. Two volumes which establish a transition between formal and informal are connected by a central space. Facing the street is the formal façade, a two story veranda with six square Tuscan columns and large entablature. Formal areas are located in either side of the entrance hallway, each decorated with elaborate trim. The grand staircase accentuates the formality before allowing a visual progression into the spaces beyond. From the front door, and just beyond the staircase, one can see a glimpse of the gallery which transitions into the kitchen. Both the gallery and the kitchen are lined with floor to ceiling windows, aligned to create a sense of openness. The kitchen, the most unique space in the house, is treated as a connector, a central space specific of modern living. It is a generous space, facilitating congregation. From the kitchen, through the gallery, one can access the garden court. This outdoor space is a direct influence of Mr. Town's work, where intimacy with the environment is created by connecting the interior and exterior with the use of large windows, brick garden walls, planters and a water feature. The rear of the home contains less formal spaces such as the den and guest suite. These spaces are oriented to afford excellent views of the generous gardens located in the back of the property.

The second level of the home houses the masters' suite, three bedrooms, and a laundry room. From the entrance hall the grand staircase leads to a curving balcony leading to the masters' suite entrance. The spacious masters' suite occupies most of the space above the formal areas. Carrara marble lines the masters' bath and the walk in closet is finished in custom cabinetry. At the rear of second level a service stair that connects all levels leads up to the attic level which contains spaces that may be up-fitted in the future into an additional bedroom, exercise room and sauna.

The service stairwell also connects to the basement which contains a three car garage, wine cellar, movie room and Irish pub. The wine cellar has brick walls to aid in maintaining the perfect temperature of the wine bottles placed in custom



Grand Staircase



Transition to Kitchen

built racks. The spacious movie theater is a key feature in entertainment with tiered seating, award winning video projection, and perfectly attuned sound system. The Irish pub, custom built in knotty alder, is an interesting feature of the home and it reflects the taste in entertainment of the homeowners. From the pub one can access the rear court, an outdoor space that is designed for year round outdoor enjoyment complete with an outdoor fireplace.

The Exterior Materials

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Custom Ram's Head Surround

The Materials:

- Hand Made Brick is a material that is common in this area due to availability of clays
- Extensive use of steel was used to keep structure solid
- The Windows- custom, thick
- Special colored brick mortar to match brick color
- The Redwood used for blocking and exterior for long lasting look
- Copper Gutters
- Charleston lanterns- copper
- Generator panel with circuits for later installation of generator



Mahogany Front Door with Copper Lanterns



Copper Gutters with Redwood Blocking



Charleston Copper Lantern

The Exterior Materials

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Metal Lockout Hardware



Extensive Masonry Work Throughout



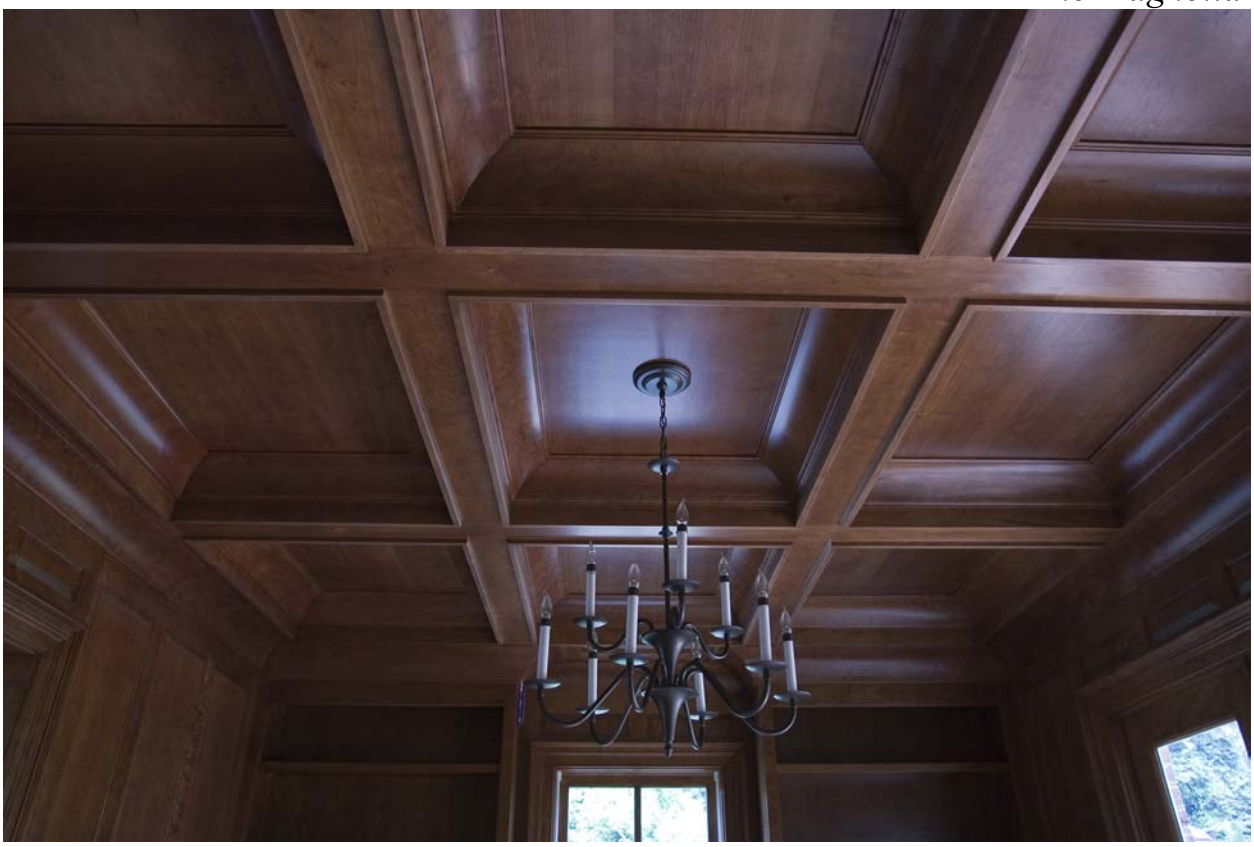
Hand Made Brick-Flemish Bond



Custom Brick Patio

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The Cherry Room

Cherry Room Details: *Approximately 700 board feet of upstate New York Cherry was used. The walls are solid (not applied by the piece) using cope "T" pattern joints. They are built in 3 sections then applied to the wall. The processing took place at 1006 Hammell Dr., Raleigh, NC - Blue Sky Trimworks cabinet shop.*



Custom Traditional Cabinets

Other Materials:

- Custom made closet racks and shelving
- Hand made wine cellar racks and brick walls to match house
- Elevator from basement to second floor
- The cabinets- hand made, custom
- The Cherry Room
- The marble throughout- carrera
- The flooring is native to this area- white oak



Hand picked marble throughout

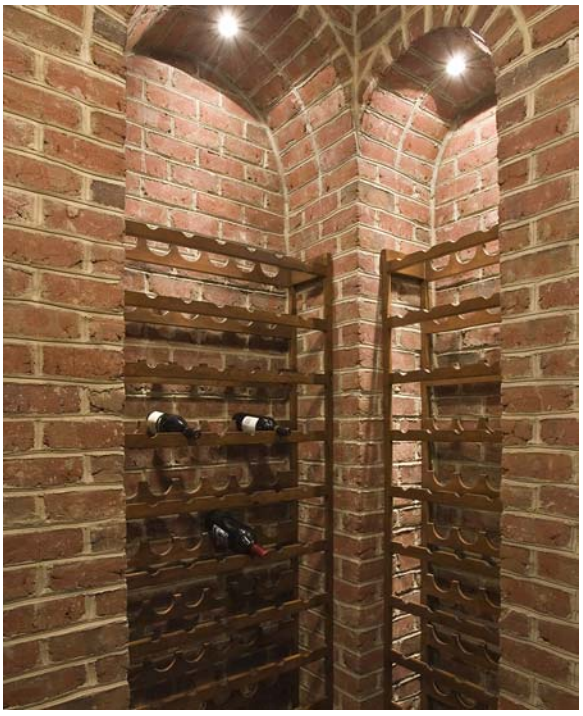
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Wine Cellar Holds 309 Bottles



White Oak Wood Flooring is Native to the Area



Wine Cellar with Hand Made Wine Racks



Wine Cellar with Hand Craft Ceiling Details

Fixtures/Hardware

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Wet Bar Faucets with Marble Top



Kitchen Faucet



Solid 1.5” Thick Doors Throughout



Door Hardware



Front Elevation

The styling of the trim is a combination of Georgian and Victorian eras. Smooth lines with subtle details are to provide both formal and informal living. Specialty rooms include the Cherry Office, The Irish Pub, A Wine Cellar, Theater Room, and Coffered Formal Living room.

Open ended coffered ceiling is an added feature.

The painted columns throughout the home are constructed from solid clear poplar, the mitered together to be seamless and solid.

The raised panels throughout were made on sight because of the amounts and varying different sizes. These are constructed of premium MDF board. They won't shrink or expand through the life of the home.



Open Ended Coffered Ceiling



Raised Panels Throughout



Extensive Detailed Molding

The Kitchen



Overview Picture of Whole Kitchen

The kitchen has become the most important room in the house. This kitchen was designed to meet those needs and to offer an enjoyable place to cook, relax, talk and enjoy the preparation of gourmet meals. The range is a Wolf gas range with a flat top griddle with 6 burners. The refrigeration is Sub Zero who has the highest standards in refrigeration. The overall feel of the kitchen is comfortable and cozy. The style is very modest and traditional with the soft white cabinets, grey marble backsplash and white marble island top. The soft green wall paint was chosen to blend the kitchen into the outdoors. Special emphasis was made to lower the windows along the kitchen to the outdoors to provide a better view angle to the landscape and private patio. The side yard patio and fountain provide a beautiful backdrop and offer outdoor dining in a private setting. The breakfast nook takes full advantage of the morning sun and overlooks the beautiful gardens next door. The kitchen was designed to accommodate many people and was built with entertaining in mind.



Courtyards, Large Windows



Large to the Floor Windows

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Gourmet 60" Wolf gas range



Custom Island with Marble Top



Sub Zero Refrigeration



Custom Island with Marble Top



Looking into the Kitchen

Guest Suite

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Jacuzzi tub with marble

The guest suite was designed to give family and guests a comfortable stay. The proximity to the kitchen for morning coffee and the covered porch make it the perfect room. The guest suite has everything one could need and is detailed with the highest quality materials and fixtures. The flooring is carrera marble inserts along with the vanity top and tub surround. The oversized windows provide nice natural light and the french doors offer easy access to enjoy the covered rear veranda. Guests will be able to really enjoy and relax while staying in the guest suite.



Lighting Fixtures



Double vanity, marble flooring and counter top

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Shower



Covered rear veranda



Chandelier



Covered rear veranda



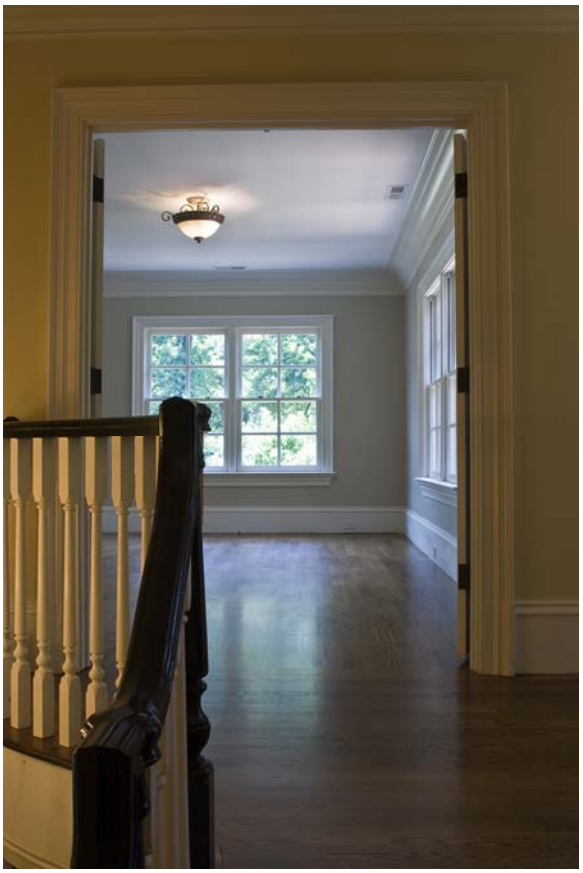
Dining Room



Covered rear veranda

The Master Bedroom

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Looking into the Sitting Room from the Grand Staircase



Looking into Master Bedroom

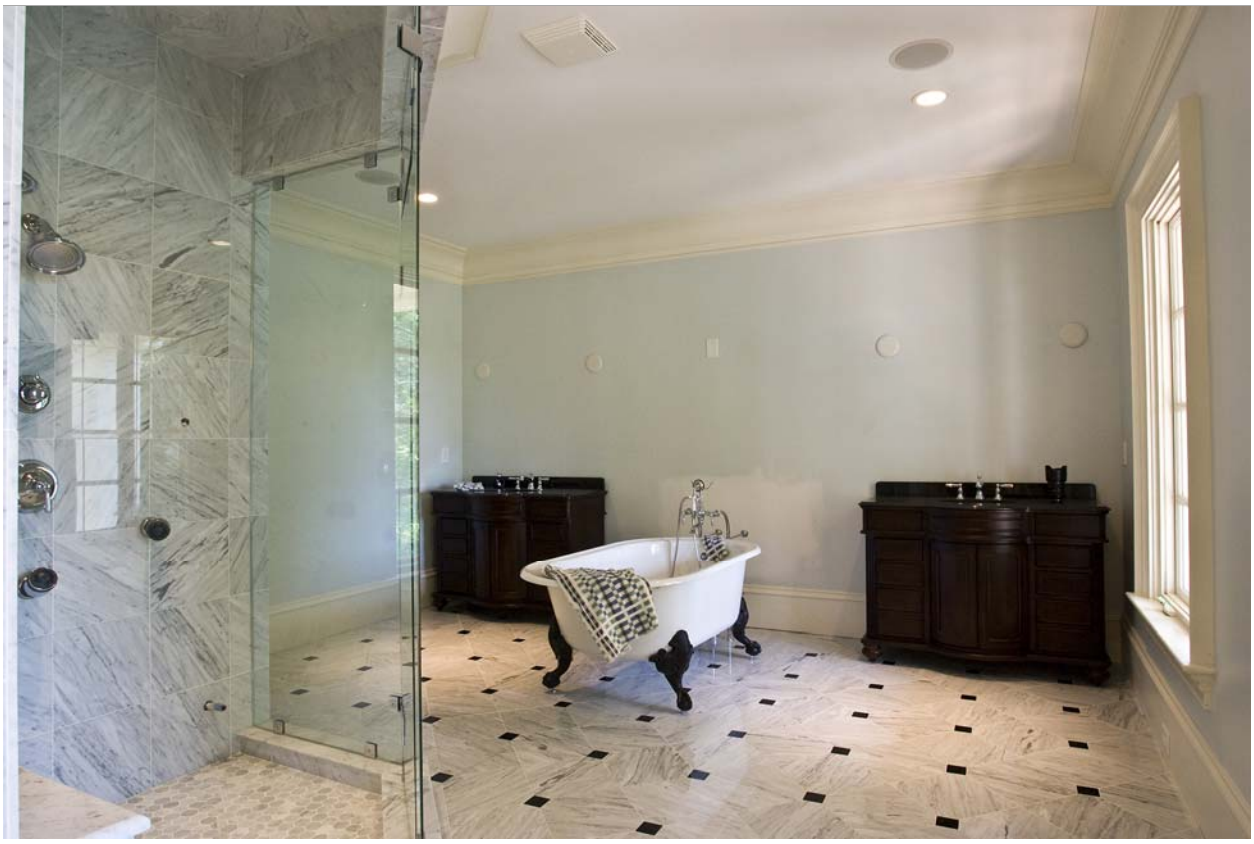


Bedroom Chandelier



Matching Accent Lighting

The Master Suite



A curving balcony leads to the masters' suite formal double door entrance. The spacious sitting room formally presents the bedroom. Double doors from the bedroom open to a crystal chandelier in the hall to the walk-in closet with custom cabinetry, linen closet and double door entry bath.

Carrara marble lines the masters' bath and dual custom furniture sinks our located on each side of the claw-leg soaking tub. A large multi-headed marble shower with sitting area and separate toilet area are also part of this splendid master bath.

The suite occupies most of the space above the formal areas of the lower level.



Walk in Closet



Master closet left, Crystal Chandelier between bedroom and bathroom

The Master Bath

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Soaking Tub Fixtures



Shower



Soaking Tub



Sink Fixtures

Irish Pub

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Five keg draft box including Guiness draft tanks sits behind the Knotty Alder Wood bar.

Indigenous wood was used for authenticity. It is made from (including cabinets) Knotty Alder. There is over 1000 board feet of raw material and over 1100 feet of 2 piece accent molding. Special runs of knotty Alder plywood make up the panels throughout. The bar top is a reclaimed piece of African mahogany from a recovered sunken barge after hurricane Katrina hit port of New Orleans. It was shaped with only belt sander to have an aged, used condition. The wine cellar is made of the same material and will holds 309 bottles.



Custom hand distressed worm holes and patina



Slate Flooring

Irish Pub



Irish Pub Light and Fan



African Mahogany Bar Top

Featuring:

- Surround sound wiring and built in plasma TV connection behind bar
- Gas fireplace for winter months
- Large slate flooring
- Window seats
- African Mahogany bar top from sunken ship
- Multiple shelving for storing collections and bottles
- Pub style lighting and fans
- Five keg draft cooler including Guinness draft tanks



Bar Sink



Custom Carved Ceiling Detail

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Theater Room

The Theater room is one of the largest in area at over 600 sf. This oversized room offers the best sound acoustics available. This is unusually large for a theater room and well equipped. Enjoy HD on the 1080P award winning Mitsubishi projector being thrown on a massive 159" screen. 7.2 Sound with Denon Electronics and built in Klipsch speaker system. Just outside the theater room is a half bath and wine cellar. Across the hall is the Pub Room where family and guests can enjoy an intermission during a movie.



Sconce Lighting



Klipsch Speaker System



Stadium Seating

Landscape and Gardens

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Front Yard



Back Yard looking back at house

This unique home has one of the largest lots in Raleigh at over 1.15 acres. The lush landscaping offers an enjoyable setting with multiple green spaces. The front gardens are designed around the huge Magnolia tree and offer year round color with the design. The curved beds and formal foundation plantings fit in perfect with the grand columns and brick front porch. The rear yard offers a brick bordered court for enjoying your favorite game of croquet or bocci ball. There is enough room for kids to play safely away from traffic or other hazards. The yard was graded to allow future expansion of a pool and pool guest house. The back hill is plated with native evergreens and a variety of fresh fruit trees and berries. The herb garden is full of fresh herbs to accompany the gourmet meals being prepared in the home. This yard will mature into one of the finest in town.



Garden



Side Yard



Side Yard

Outdoor Amenities

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The courtyard patio off the kitchen and cherry room offers a nice place for alfresco dining beside the tranquil rountain and herb garden. The brick design in the floor was designed to mimic a carpet under the table for dining. The 18' knee walls around the planning beds offers a place to sit and enjoy the outside.

The rear entertainment patio offers a fireplace and log storage for outdoor grilling and gathering. There is a semicircle overlook for dining area and enough room to accommodate over 50 guests comfortable on the patio.

The grand stairs lead down to the form lawn and lower law for strolling through the garden.





The Location



NC State Museum of Natural Science

The Magnolia is located in Raleigh, North Carolina in the inner beltline subdivision of Woodrow Park . This historical area offers a convenient location to many nearby places. Just minutes from Downtown Raleigh, shopping, dinning, parks, schools, country clubs and the airport.

Stroll the estates' 1.17 acre grounds. These grounds not only provides a safe place for children to play, walks through the garden, but also seasonal colors, fresh fruits, cut flowers and herbs for cooking. Additional plans are provided for the expansion of an in-ground pool area.

Whether it is a night on the town, a quiet night at home or entertaining, The Magnolia offers the prime location.



NC State University



Peace College



Raleigh Country Club



State Capital



Dining Downtown

The Magnolia Team

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Architect:
Jorge Abad Smith Sinnett



Builder:
Divine Stoltz Development, LLC



Landscape Design:
Margot Debarymore
Miramonte Studios



Theatre and Audio Visual:
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Landscape Installation:
Jason Edmonson
Integrated Landscapes



Masonry:
Mike Harrigan



Interior Trim:
Scott
Blue Sky Trim, and ITC Millwork



Furnishings:
Katherine
Katherine's Furniture Roach

