

WHEN WE FIRST SAW THIS 1860'S BRICK VICTORIAN WE IMMEDIATELY FELL IN LOVE WITH THE FANCIFUL EXTERIOR AND DETAILS. THE INTERIOR HAD NOT BEEN UPDATED IN OVER 40 YEARS. ASIDE FROM SHOWING ITS AGE, THE HOUSE WAS DARK AND THE SPACES WERE DISCONNECTED. THE INTERIOR DETAILS, WHILE STILL ORIGINAL, WERE SURPRISINGLY SPARE FOR A HOUSE OF ITS STATURE AND AGE.

THE CHALLENGE WAS TO OPEN UP THE FLOW OF THE HOUSE ON THE INTERIOR AND TO AUGMENT THE EXISTING DETAILS WHILE KEEPING TRUE TO THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE TIME.

BY REMOVING A SECOND CHIMNEY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HOUSE AND SIMPLIFYING THE HALLWAYS WE WERE ABLE TO OPEN UP THE ROOMS TO EACH OTHER AND TO THE LIGHT, WHILE MAINTAINING THEIR CLASSIC DEFINITION OF SPACE. THE KITCHEN, HALF BATH, AND BUTLER'S PANTRY WERE TRANSFORMED FROM A SERIES OF AWKWARD AND DARK SPACES INTO A SINGLE SUN FILLED ROOM THAT IS OPEN TO THE OUTDOORS AND THE REST OF THE HOUSE. A NEW DECK OFF THE KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM IS NESTLED HIGH UP IN THE TREETOPS AND COMPLETES THE HOUSE'S CONNECTION TO THE OUTSIDE.

ON THE SECOND FLOOR WE WERE ABLE TO CREATE A MASTER SUITE WITH A LARGE DRESSING ROOM, WHILE FINDING ROOM FOR A FULL SECOND BATHROOM.

THE TRIM THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE WAS DESIGNED TO GIVE EACH ROOM THE FULL CHARACTER IT DESERVED AND THE LIGHTING WAS LOVINGLY SELECTED AFTER HOURS OF POURING OVER ANTIQUES MANY OF WHICH NEEDED TO BE RESTORED.

THE RESULT IS A HOME THAT SEAMLESSLY BLENDS THE CHARM OF THE ORIGINAL HOUSE WITH THE NEEDS OF MODERN LIFE AND THE WONDERFULLY PLAYFUL CHARACTER OF ITS NEW OWNERS.





**MAYER + ASSOCIATES** IS AN ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN FIRM FOUNDED ON INTEGRITY AND EXCELLENCE. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS THROUGH PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS THAT WE FIND TRULY EXTRAORDINARY SOLUTIONS TO ORDINARY DESIGN PROBLEMS.

WE KNOW THAT ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT STEP IN FINDING THE RIGHT ANSWER.

WE LISTEN.

WE LOVE WHAT WE DO AND SHARE OUR PASSION AND VISION WITH OUR CLIENTS - GIVING FORM AND DETAIL TO YOUR IDEAS.

AT THE HEART OF OUR WORK IS OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR CLIENTS. MORE THAN ANY OTHER TYPE OF PROJECT, RESIDENTIAL DESIGN IS A PERSONAL EXPRESSION.

WE GUIDE THE CLIENT THROUGH THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PROCESS. WE ENGAGE THEM IN A WAY THAT HELPS THEM EXPLORE AND CLARIFY THE WAY THEY LIVE WITHIN A SPACE.

WE ARE INSPIRED BY OUR CLIENTS, AND EXPLORE THEIR DESIGN AESTHETIC TOGETHER. WE SEE OUR ROLE AS A TRANSLATOR — SHARING OUR VISION TO GIVE FORM AND SUBSTANCE TO THEIR DREAMS.



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