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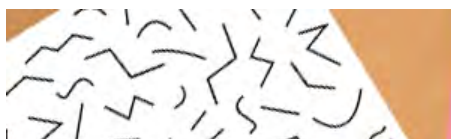
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Philip Mitchell Design's Stairway to Heaven

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The [Kips Bay Decorator Show House 2015](#) opens to the public today and you are going to love all the rooms. I had the pleasure of viewing the house on Tuesday and thought all spaces looked amazing. While I shouldn't play favorites, I really thought Philip Mitchell of [Philip Mitchell Design](#) in Toronto did an excellent job designing his room that wasn't really a room. He named his stairs and landings of floors two through four [Torridon Stair Gallery](#) but I am calling it a stairway to heaven because it's so lovely.

The name [Torridon](#) is the name of the new [Mulberry Home](#) wall covering from [Lee Jofa](#). As Philip told me, "it was the sort of inspiration that started it all for our spaces. Ann Gafton from [GP & J Baker](#) presented the fabric to me a few months back in the UK and I fell in love with it. It so reminded me of my Mother Patricia who's memory I was sort of paying homage to by using it as the backdrop to my space. The wall covering version was classic, yet light and almost contemporary in feeling."

As you know, I love gallery walls and collecting art so I was pleasantly surprised to learn that 95% of the art in the space is from Philip's own collection. After our chat, I'm pretty sure the other 5% will be joining his collection as I don't believe I'll find anything else like this. I'd be interested if all the walls...



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joining his collection so don't bother asking where you can buy anything. I jokingly asked if all his walls were bare now but it sounds like he has enough art left to fill the empty space. A man after my own heart.

I have a friend who consulted on this home when it was owned by a former client. It had previously housed offices on the first floor and apartments on the upper floors. The owner was the one who insisted on the spiraling staircase because she loved the one in her mother's house. I would never have known it wasn't original since it perfectly suits the townhouse. The skylight was also not original but floods the interior with wonderful natural light.

I really enjoyed talking to all the designers today but had such a nice time chatting with Philip and his friend Brandie who came in from Milan to support him. Obviously being talented is important in the design world but being a good person is even more important in my opinion.

Make sure you stop by the [Kips Bay Decorator Show House 2015](#) and see all the beautiful spaces before it closes on June 11, 2015. Admission is \$35.

Kips Bay Decorator Show House 2015
 58 East 66th Street
 New York, NY 10065
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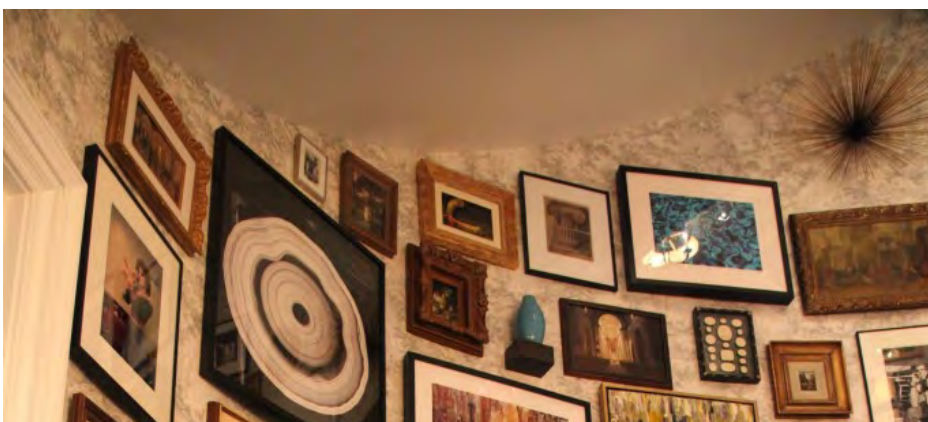


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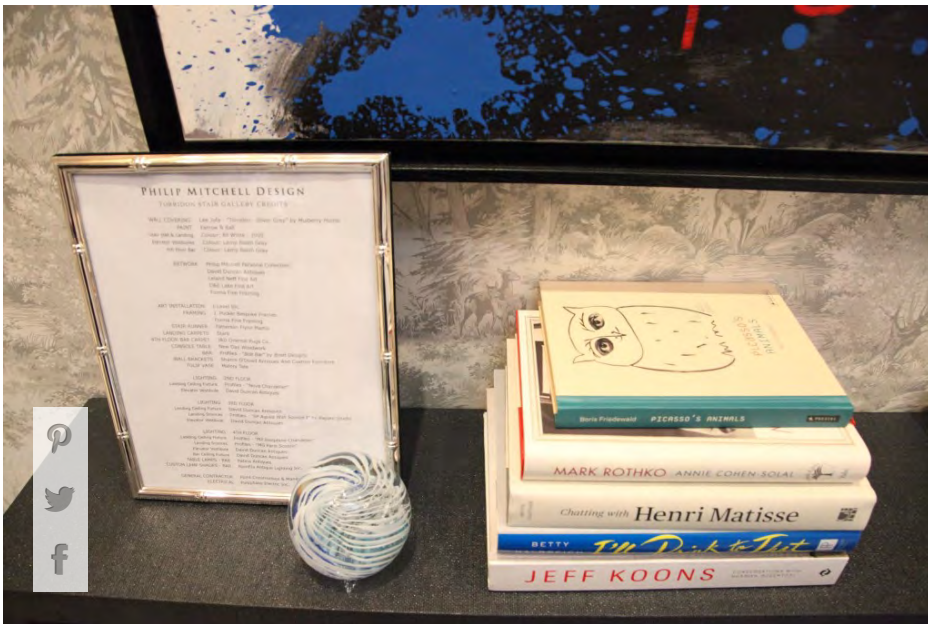
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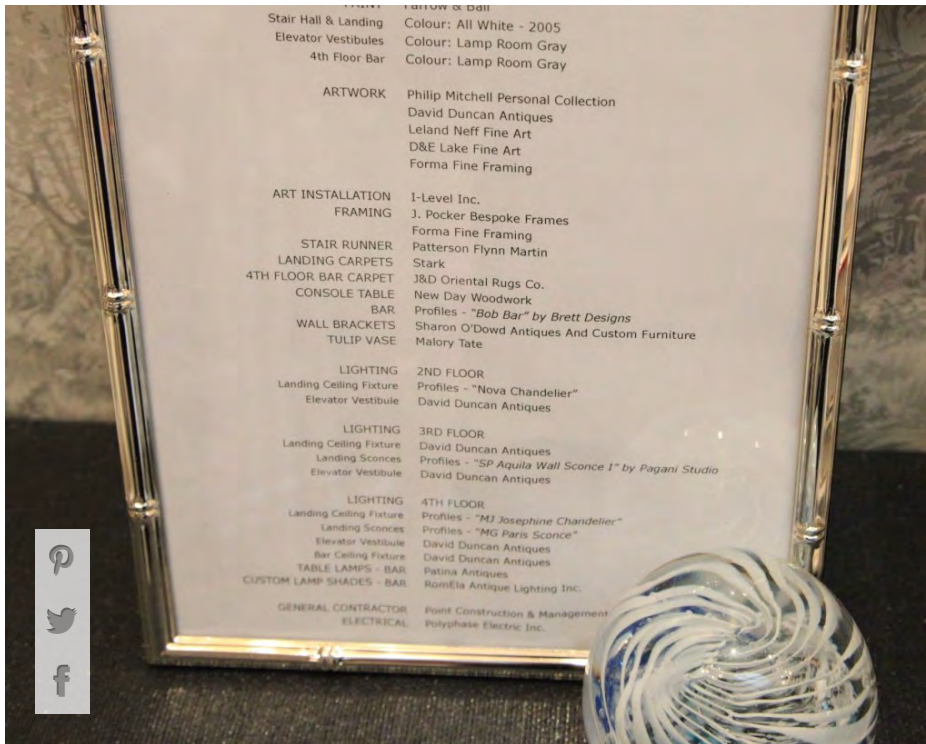
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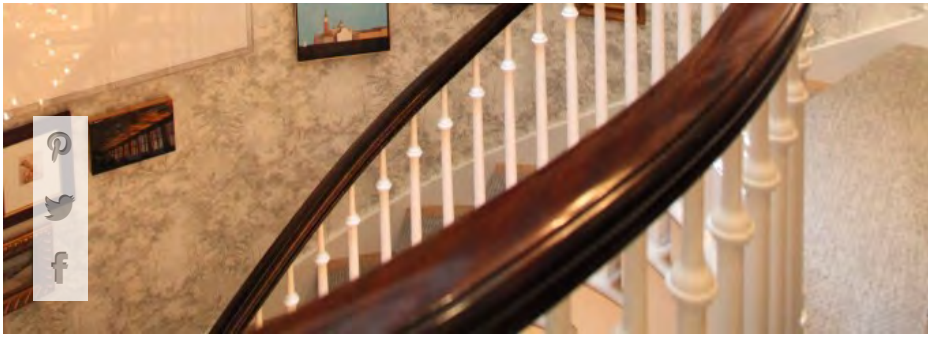
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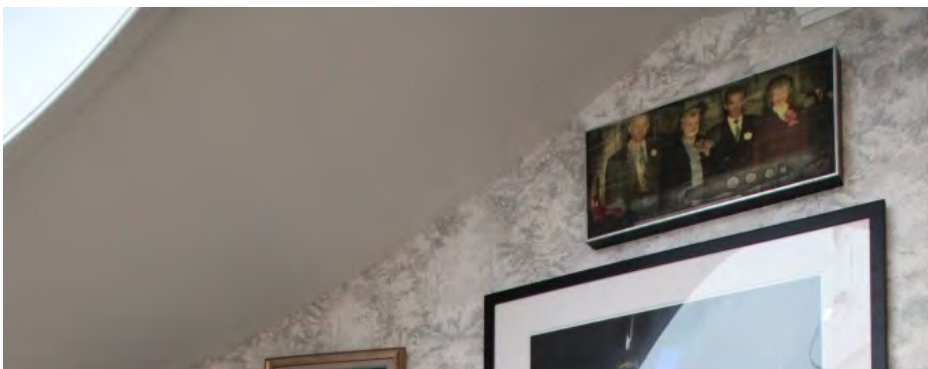
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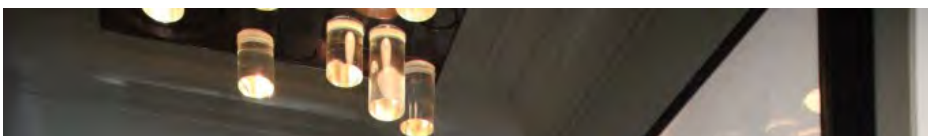
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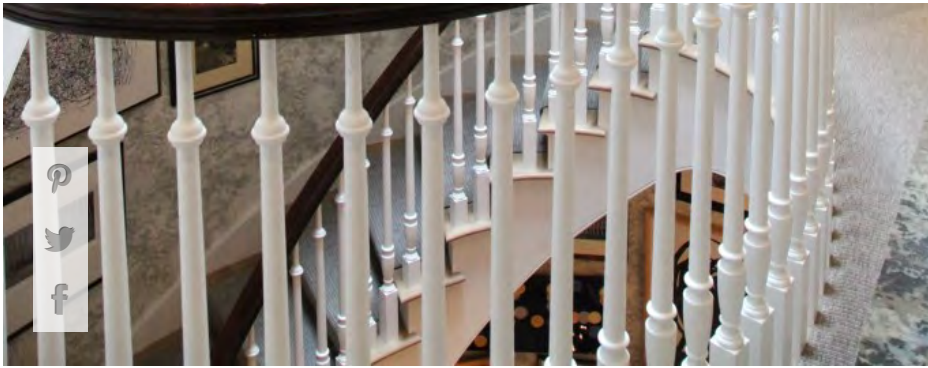












Designer Philip Mitchell and his friend Brandie Silva on the landing. I usually ask the designers for a photos but it was so chaotic on the stairs that I forgot on Tuesday.

Photos by Heather Clawson for Habitually Chic

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Phewww! I've done show houses, and can appreciate the herculean effort of this design and installation. Fabulous!

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Staircases may never be the same again !!! spectacular effort culminating in a fabulous result

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Heather, Philip has made my day, made my month, with this amazing art filled stairway!! I wish I



Heather, Phillip has made my day, made my month, with this amazing art-filled stairway!! I wish I could make the show house event!!
xoxo
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Globetrotters



Even in rooms by designers who didn't use exoticism as a touchstone, one finds alluringly heterogeneous assemblages of objects and furnishings from a wide-ranging array of cultures and eras. Philip Mitchell's stairhall is decidedly catholic in its tastes, ebulliently showcasing approximately 260 works of art (largely from the Toronto designer's personal collection) dating from an astonishing variety of periods and executed in diverse media and genres: a small abstract modern painting by Robert Kamnatnik from [Decorum Decorative Finds](#), his mother's own [Wedgwood](#) plaque, an anonymous photo of a drag queen from [David Duncan Antiques](#), a [Frank Stella](#)-like work created with masking tape, a [Hunt Slonem](#) rabbit painting.

Thom Filicia's study juxtaposes contemporary art and objects — paintings from [Gallery Henoch](#), a sculpture by Robert Greene he encountered at a benefit exhibition Istdibs held at the New York Design Center, a [Stephane Parmentier](#) table from [Maison Gerard](#), an industrial floor lamp by John McDevitt for [Jonathan Burden](#) — with a 1950s Danish rosewood desk from [Lawton Mull](#).

Toronto's Philip Mitchell took the concept of "gallery walls" to a new level when tasked with decorating the mansion's spiraling stairwell and landings. The vast majority of the art is from his personal collection, including a portrait of his dogs by Beth Rundquist.



Thom Filicia's study includes vintage trays and a bronze-and-patinated-leather console from [Lucca & Co.](#), and several pieces of his own design, including his Henderson Harbor Sofa. Filicia also placed a Sardinian rug from [FJ Hakimian](#) atop the Sacco carpet.



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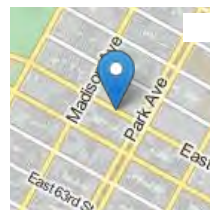
Tour the Designers' Paradise That Is the Kips Bay Show House

Wednesday, May 20, 2015, by Zoe Rosenberg



[All photos by Max Touhey <<http://touheyphotography.com/>> .]

For the last 43 years, the [annual Kips Bay Decorator Show House](http://curbed.com/tags/kips-bay-decorator-show-house) <<http://curbed.com/tags/kips-bay-decorator-show-house>> has honed its reputation as the crème de la crème of interior events in New York City. This year, the show house landed at the Arthur Sachs Mansion at **58 East 66th Street**. On the market for **\$35 million** <<http://www.bhsusa.com/manhattan/upper-east-side/east-66th-street/townhouse/11685991#>> , the 9,600-square-foot townhouse was thoroughly overhauled by [Interior Management](http://www.interiormanagement.com/) <<http://www.interiormanagement.com/>> before getting reimagined by a slew of designers who sheathed their rooms in materials ranging from paint, tile, and wallpaper, to furs, lacquers, and pewter leaf. The one thing that isn't showcased in this house is restraint, and as a decorator's show house, that's to be expected. Philip Mitchell's "Torridon Stair Gallery," pictured above, follows two



ARTHUR SACHS MANSION
58 East 66th Street New York, NY

[GIANT MAP](#)

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stories of the home's winding, ovular staircase with walls sheathed in no less than 100 framed works of art; Bennett Leifer's "Lounge" uses indulgent materials—**Degournay presses over gold gilded wallpaper**—to a rich yet tranquil effect; and McMillen's "Rio" takes the **of-the-moment Tropical Modernism trend**

<<http://curbed.com/archives/2015/04/24/milan-design-trends-2015.php>> to the max.

TOP



The grand townhouse was built in 1908–9 in the Beaux Arts style by Buchman and Fox. It was most recently purchased last July for \$17.5 million with a gutted interior. Under the lead of Interior Management and the 24 designers selected for this year's show house, the house has transformed into a renowned showpiece.





† Philip Mitchell had reign over the stair space on two of the home's six floors. He chose to turn them into floor-to-ceiling galleries. Mitchell said 95-percent of the art displayed is from his personal collection.



† The palatial home's parlor room was designed by Alessandra Branca to be a "chic and livable" family room. In a hat tip to the family room, Branca has sheathed the sofa in a fabric inspired by the tree of life.

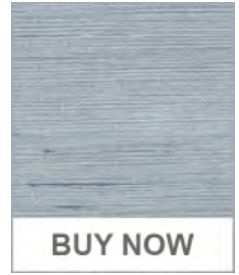
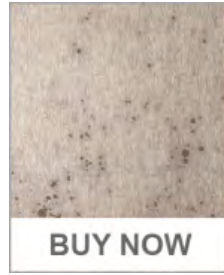
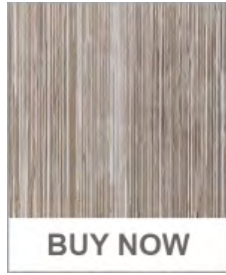


Another view of Mitchell's winding stair gallery.



† Pavarini Design created a sultry lounge space fittingly called "Midnight Manhattan." The room, adjacent to the master bedroom, is invoked as an evening lounge and workspace for the home's owners. One stunning detail is its \$100,000-plus Jeff Zimmerman vine chandelier with iridescent glass globes.

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The heart of the Arthur Sachs Mansion is a stunning staircase spanning all five floors, and designer Philip Mitchell chose to use the space to display a vast art collection. The neutral, densely-patterned toile from [Mulberry Home wallpaper](#) reads as a texture behind the pieces.



Photos by Rafael Quirindongo and DecoratorsBest

Philip's tip: "I wanted to treat every area as a micro-gallery and imbue the sense of a passionate collector."



Stair Gallery by Philip Mitchell Design. Photo by Rafael Quirindongo.

The center stair was transformed into a gallery by **Philip Mitchell Design** and **Monica Rich Kosann photography**.

Since 1973, this annual fundraiser has been vital to providing funds for after-school and enrichment programs for New York City children. All proceeds from Show House benefit the Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club, which currently offers innovative programs to 11,000 young people at ten locations throughout the Bronx.

Tickets are available to the 43rd Annual **Kips Bay Decorator Show House** through June 11, 2015.

Location:
Arthur Sachs Mansion
58 E. 66th St., NYC

The house is currently for sale, listed by **Brown Harris Stevens** for \$35 million.

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A TOUR THROUGH THE 2015 KIPS BAY DECORATOR SHOW HOUSE

WRITTEN BY JULI MOSOFF
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Over 20 design teams were given a room each to decorate inside this \$35 million New York City mansion—see the smorgasbord of (very chic) trends

PHILIP MITCHELL DESIGN

Stair hall

Photograph by Rafael Quirindongo





This was a HUGE job as this staircase was insane.



Hanging on curved walls is really hard, only attempt if you can hire some professionals who can make sure all your art is secured to the wall.



Another example of an amazing mix of mediums- from huge mats (which I adore) to puppy portraits and three dimensional objects. Just awesome.



Also a mix of frames were used- you can mix all sorts of frames to give it a very “collected” quality.



In one area on a landing was a large grid of black and white photographs and one heck of a light fixture.



OK, I guess we can move on from the stairs. :)

This was a cool men's retreat designed by Alan Tanksley, which had a kind of safari feel to it.