



The Green Tea House residence and Studio completed in fall 2006 was designed by Edmonton architect David Murray. It consists of a home and separate studios for two working artists: a composer, pianist, and music producer, and a photographer. The photo studio is located in a separate building at the rear of the property

Design Concept

This property is located in the area of Vancouver between Main and Fraser. It was chosen for its central location and proximity to the vibrant Main Street corridor. The house and studio are built on floating concrete slabs supported by deep drilled helical steel piles. Both buildings are entered over raised cedar bridges which float above the landscaping. A rectangular concrete pond fronts the studio. The lot contains the last remaining mature trees in the area. The yard is being developed with native plants. The roofs of both the studio and entrance have been prepared for green roof plantings. The building concept and execution included environmental considerations and finishes and materials chosen to enhance the original design concept.

The Music Studio

The Studio is located in the main house adjacent to the living room. It is structurally and acoustically separated from the remainder of the house; the studio is a building within a building floating on neoprene pads. The studio is connected to the living room by double acoustic steel doors which allow the grand piano to be moved between the studio and living room. Both rooms are used for recording purposes. Occasional home concerts are held in the living room. The details and a slide show of the studio can be seen at www.garysillmusic.com/

The Photography Studio

The photography studio is a 616 sq. ft. free standing building located at the back of the property. It boasts large windows overlooking a pond. The building is a large open room, a two piece bathroom and a dark-room. The bathroom has been plumbed for lane housing if desired. Three skylights have been framed into the ceiling. The studio roof has been built to accommodate a future green roof.

Description

The main house is two stories with a cedar deck and hot tub on the second floor. Polished natural concrete floors connect the front and back of the house through the high traffic areas. At the back one exits through double sliding doors to a roofed exterior concrete deck. The living room and music studio are sunken and have reclaimed fir floors.

Reclaimed fir is also used in the exposed ceilings of the entrance and dining room. The kitchen floats above the entrance and the dining room. Aesthetically this provides separation of the main floor while still keeping the kitchen as the heart of the home. Windows overlook the rear yard from the kitchen and dining room.

The stairway to the second floor is located centrally and is one of the architectural features of the home. Made with open mesh aluminum, it is open to the kitchen. An enormous skylight over the stairwell floods the interior of the house including the kitchen, family room, master bedroom, and master bath on the second floor.

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