



Designer's Dream Home

For 35 years, the Orchestra Guild has endeavored to bring artistry and design together in a spectacular fundraising event—the Designers' Showhouse.

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It was orchestration at its finest. Artists and interior designers, musicians and hostesses, an ensemble of players who knew the score and executed it flawlessly. The audience—curious guests and supporters—moved from room to room admiring the composition, each murmur of appreciation adding lyrics to the song.



On the market for \$3.8 million, the home boasts 4 bedrooms, 4-1/2 bathrooms and includes a home theater, music room, pool and covered deck (7,900 square-feet under roof).

For 35 years, people have flocked to the Designers' Showhouse in support of the Florida Orchestra, and this year was no exception. The stunning Mediterranean-inspired home on Snell Isle was a beacon attracting a steady stream of guests anxious to take a peek inside the waterfront beauty. It was cer-

tainly worth the price of admission. In fact, according to St. Petersburg Orchestra Guild President Precella Wallace, the bar has been raised. "This house was stunning, very unique, and I think it was one of, if not the most, beautiful homes we've ever had as our Showhouse."

Each Showhouse is a huge undertaking that begins with finding an appropriate home, a task that Wallace approaches judiciously. "I look for a house that is vacant or can be vacated because we can't have the owners living there. Beyond that it has to do with the hard surfaces being in decent shape—

