

Grand Design

Luxury design on Autumn Breeze Drive

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First impressions count, but this is more like a case of love at first sight as you pull into the driveway of the mansion at 2086 Autumn Breeze Drive. The impressive features begin with the gorgeous stone façade that wraps the entire home, precast concrete finishes, punctuated by Palladium windows set over double sets of French doors that open to wrought iron Juliette balconies. The architectural exclamation mark (or marks in this case) are achieved

by the use of two sets of twinned stone pillars which soar to the roof top to hold a stunning curved front entranceway.

“Contemporary Chateau” is how the mansion is described on the website of the award-winning architectural firm of *David Small Designs* in Mississauga, which states: “Black framed windows and the lack of adornment add a contemporary appeal to a French Chateau home.”

The curved mahogany double entry doors (with iron in-





serts) open to reveal a gleaming, open concept design that gives visitors a clear line of sight from the front door to the wall of windows along the back of the house. Pristine finishes begin with the white and soft grey porcelain floors that blend harmoniously with white-washed walls that are accented with layers of custom millwork.

Realtor James Hodgins, Founder & Broker of *Hodgins Realty Group Inc.*, points out a unique detail: “The homeowners

chose to remove a wall to really open up the space and you can stand in one corner of the family room and see clear to the opposite corner of the living room. The open concept and use of oversized windows throughout make the home bright and welcoming. There is over 8,000 square feet of finished living space.”

The living and dining rooms flow naturally into one another making this the ultimate space for grand-scale enter



taining. The rooms are filled with natural light, thanks to two sets of French doors topped by Palladium windows in the living room and a massive Palladium window in the dining area. The two distinct spaces are united by coffered ceilings and stunningly beautiful crystal chandeliers.

The grand foyer is open to the family room/kitchen great room that combines beauty and function in an expansive family-friendly space. Homeowners can snuggle up by the floor-to-ceiling fireplace in the family room and watch video while enjoying the view of the backyard through floor-to-ceiling windows.

"In the fall and winter months it almost feels like we are in

Muskoka," describes the homeowner. In the spring and summer the homeowners can enjoy the lush green manicured lawns and gardens as they relax on the patio, or take a stroll around the house on the paved pathway. James adds: "Gordon Woods is like a hidden gem. It's so private and secluded with mature trees, yet it is about a five minute drive to the QEW or GO station."

Coffered ceilings ensure this great room earns its name. Big family dinners can be handled with the ease of a top chef, thanks to the Wolf four-burner gas range with griddle, Wolf stainless steel wall-mounted convection steam oven and wall oven and the Sub-Zero fridge/freezer. The popular gathering spot is the large quartz-topped breakfast bar. Top



Address: 2086 Autumn Breeze Drive, Mississauga. Designer: David Small. Size: 8,000 square feet living space, 7 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, Palladium windows, French doors, Juliette balconies, mahogany double entry doors, kitchen quartz countertops, butler's pantry, stainless steel ovens, fridge/freezer, home office, three-car garage, party room, game room, gym, separate entrance for nanny suite. Price: Listed at \$4, 498, 000 (price at time of publication).

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quality features include quartz countertops and custom designed floor-to-ceiling cabinetry in the kitchen, as well as in the adjacent butler's pantry linking the kitchen to the dining room.

Other main level amenities include a den/home office with custom pocket doors and Juliette balcony, a powder room and laundry room that offers access to the three-car garage and lower level.

Back in the foyer, the architecturally stunning two-level curved staircase (with solid open treads and wrought iron railing) is enhanced by a stone wall beginning at the lower level and soaring three storeys to the upper level. Overhead, a unique trio of window-like openings draw your eye to the skylight that is about 20 feet above the second level!

The master bedroom wing offers the ultimate in privacy and comfort. Take one step up into the master bedroom and you'll likely stop in your tracks to admire the grandeur of the expansive window that almost fills the entire wall, offering a tree-top view of the mature trees and grounds. A coffered barrel ceiling embraces the space with warmth.

Homeowners can bathe in luxury in the rectangular soaker tub while enjoying a view of nature. A separate water closet and large glass walk-in shower complete the layout, but it is the wall finish in the shower that is the icing on the cake. The homeowner hired skilled artisans to create a mural-like work of art using tiny, textured, gold-toned tiles.

The second bedroom is equally opulent with a walk-in closet and an ensuite that also features a rectangular tub and walk-in shower. There are six bedrooms on the upper levels with a seventh bedroom on the lower level, each with ensuites and features such as walk-in closets or large closets hidden behind frosted glass sliding doors.

The same attention to detail and luxurious elements are found on the lower level of the house where guests can enjoy the massive party and games room with a stone gas fireplace. There's also a home gym, a room that can be converted into a home theatre, and a cold room that is the perfect spot for a wine cellar. Another bedroom and ensuite on the lower level make an ideal nanny or in-law suite, especially since it has a separate entrance to the garage and yard.

Living large and enjoying the Goodlife is a "breeze" in this luxurious chateau on Autumn Breeze Drive. 🍃