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Life is full of changes: these three Marin remodels prove that your home and personal style are what you make it. BY LILI WEIGERT

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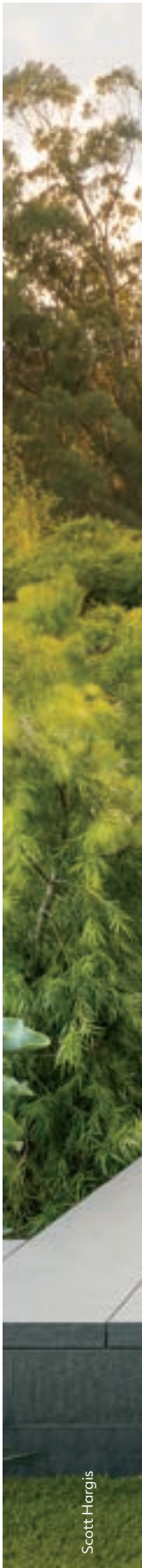


Party in the Basement

An unused lower level becomes the ultimate entertainment space

In the summer of 2020, designer Cindy Bayon's client bought his first house. A move-in-ready three-bedroom in Sausalito with sweeping views of Alcatraz and the bay, it also had an unfinished basement. "That was the reason he bought it," Bayon says. "He wanted a space to entertain."

Over the next two years Bayon (www.bayon-designstudio.com) and her team, a specialized crew of an interior designer, house designer, landscape design and construction manager, restored the



space, adding windows and doors and transforming it into a sophisticated and inviting multipurpose entertainment suite. “It feels like a residential version of the Battery,” Bayon says, referring to San Francisco’s elite and luxuriously appointed social club.

On one side of the open space the team carved out an intimate “media room,” with plush Italian lounge seating, an 85-inch screen and a premium surround-sound speaker system. A 10-foot marble bar spans the middle of the room. “He’s in his 30s, no kids, and he throws a lot of parties,” Bayon says. “He wanted a swanky bar.” The bar was custom-designed to showcase the homeowner’s extensive wine collection, which includes his own label; his family owns the Stone Edge Farm Winery in Sonoma County.

On the other side of the room, the team created a gym with sliding windows that look out over a lap pool and the mountains beyond. In the adjacent spa bathroom, the walls are treated with a calming smooth plaster and the showerhead offers rain and waterfall features. “It’s a whole water expe-

A Sausalito house was transformed into the perfect space for entertaining.

rience in there,” Bayon says. “Very ‘Zen.’” The area can be closed off from the rest of the space with a custom-designed curved glass wall.

There was no internal access to the ground level, so Bayon partnered with San Rafael-based contractor Plath & Company to engineer and build a staircase. The extraordinary spiral staircase was built off-site and fully assembled on-site, with an oak structure and steel supports. The curved glass was set into a channel. “It was a lot of coordination,” Bayon says. “That staircase is a work of art.”

Bayon says that her client and his fiancée use the space all day long. One flight away from the rest of the house and it feels like a different world. “It’s such a bonus space for living,” Bayon says. “It takes you away.”

