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William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty Lists Antique Colonial Home with Creative Touch

Historic Ridgefield property, once home to local artists, and currently owned by celebrity hair stylist Marc Mena, now for sale

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Ridgefield, Conn. – June 9, 2015 – William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty (http://www.williampitt.com) announced today that the firm has listed a restored center chimney Colonial in the town of Ridgefield, Conn., with a history of creative owners including celebrity stylist and current owner Marc Mena. The property is now for sale at \$998,000 and represented by Ridgefield agent Frank DiVenuto, who also owns the property with Mena.

Resting on a private plot of riverfront land, the property previously served as part of a former Native American trail and was once used as a ten-bedroom inn. In the late 1900s, two local artists purchased the residence and began its restoration using vintage items. DiVenuto and Mena, a red carpet hair stylist for more than a decade, purchased the property in 2013, using additional creative skills to continue to update and add to the home's vintage charm. Mena, known for his professional expertise in styling and sculpting hair, has attracted a large celebrity clientele over the years including Christy Brinkley, Rachael Ray, Billy Joel, Ivanka Trump, Marcia Gay Harden and more.

The meticulously restored antique Colonial home, originally constructed in 1760, resides on 1.72 acres of open land that neighbors the Titicus River. Both the residence and the property's three-story barn maintain original architectural details, while having been tactically expanded to incorporate today's modern luxuries and comforts including central air conditioning. Porches surround three sides of the main house, with a rear porch that enjoys views of a nearby flower garden and fire pit. The multi-level, red "bank barn" structure, constructed directly into the side of the riverbank, seamlessly blends more recent styles in its two upper levels with the main level's original Victorian-style, French-inspired foundation. The barn's exterior is surrounded by landscaped gardens that open to a wide meadow through which the Titicus River runs, providing the property with a rural ambience.

The unique architectural design continues on inside the main residence, which boasts a distinct artistic quality, offering antique features amidst a modern decor that have been preserved in the core of its light-filled, updated interior. Many remaining historic details can be found in the kitchen, which boasts original wide oak floors, exposed beams, cabinets constructed with reclaimed barn wood and an adjacent dining room with floor-to-ceiling bookcases and windows that still retain their original glass. A Greek Revival-style front entrance, an original formal living room with fireplace, a powder room, in addition to a sunroom and second fireplace complete the main level.

A formal staircase leads to the home's second floor, which contains three guest bedrooms and a guest bath in addition to a master bedroom and bath. A third floor bonus space, dating back to 1835, offers five additional rooms, which have all been restored.

"The decorations and designs present in this beautiful antique home are truly exquisite," said DiVenuto. "After years of loving restoration and care, the residence boasts an eclectic contemporary flare that effectively preserves its charming, old-world feel in a unique home atmosphere. This listing is a remarkable piece of Ridgefield's past."

A wine cellar and two-car detached garage complete the property.

For more information on 110 North Salem Road, please visit the firm's website here (http://www.williampitt.com/eng/sales/detail/205-l-480-5nls27/totally-restored-circa-1760-colonial-farmhouse-ridgefield-ct-06877).

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