



Saxony Manor

MISSISSAUGA MANSION CREATES A STIR

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Majestic and proud stands this *newly-erected mansion* on the once-quiet cul-de sac of *Saxony Court*. Few knew of the tiny dead-end artery that branches off Mississauga Road until, out of the ashes a *modern-day chateau*, referred to as Saxony Manor, *emerged*.



The recently completed 18,000 square foot, four-storey manor with its 23 rooms and 9 bathrooms has been dubbed this title by the curious and the envious – anxious to catch a glimpse. The solid 100 percent Indiana Limestone structure may finally be admired and appreciated without the blemishing of contractors and construction vehicles obstructing the view of this magnificent French-inspired chateau.

The sheer magnitude and well-appointed details of just the exterior alone are enough to turn heads as its beauty has the ability to be overpowering yet flawless in the same breath. Eleven copper dormers, wrought-iron balcony rail skirts and endless full-length windows are instantly eye-catching. The manicured front lawn completes the look as it continues around back where it then links up

with a mature forest set on a 300-foot ravine that seamlessly spills on to the *Mississauga Golf and Country Club*.

Michal J Cerny, PMP President and CEO of *Ambassador Fine Custom Homes Inc.* has turned his lifelong vision into a reality. He designs and builds custom luxury homes that cater to a niche clientele – Michal's target market is the top 2% of the high net worth population. He understands there are many affluent clients looking to find homes of ultra quality with fine interior finishes in the high-end mansion market.

Born in Prague, Czech Republic, Michal was exposed to many castles, palaces, centuries-old churches, museums, opera houses and art galleries. At home, and throughout extensive European travel, he drew his inspirations through old world architecture and admiring their superior craftsmanship. "Like the centuries-

old palaces in Prague, Saxony Manor is built to be passed on to future generations," said Cerny.

Merely open the 10-foot tall 3-inch thick Honduran mahogany double-front doors at Saxony Manor and enter a breathtaking world through Michal's eyes.

"There is no such thing as cutting corners, anywhere," said Cerny. "Details are everything."

The stunning foyer is opulent and welcoming with abundant natural light, a dramatic staircase, hand-forged wrought-iron railings, solid marble flooring and a 23-foot-high ceiling. A 9-foot solid plaster dome encompasses the dazzling chandelier, which, by the way, is motorized to lower for easy cleaning.

Reminiscent of yesteryear, a traditional drawing room is the initial place to receive guests to the house.

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The formal dining room is spacious and comfortable (for 12) with 8-inch wide North American white oak plank flooring and floor-to-ceiling windows complete with a narrow entrance for the help to access the kitchen.

Overlooking the ravine and forest is the great room, a spectacular living room with wall-to-wall French doors and windows that soar to 23 feet. Another focal point of the room is the 17,000 lb Indonesian hand-carved solid marble fireplace that took nine months to complete.

The spacious gourmet kitchen is a chef's dream come true with high-end appliances, built-in warming drawers and a massive island topped with solid granite with natural copper veining. Michal has accented the Wolf dual-cooktop/dual-oven, with a stunning copper stove hood and side panels. The kitchen is an open concept with

a less formal dining or gathering room that houses a built-in library with a large flatscreen. The harvest table that easily seats 14 is a thoughtful and generous gift for the new owners that Michal had custom-made from a dying 118-year-old Maple tree from the backyard.

This room continues on to a stunning family room that boasts the North American white oak plank flooring that is also uniquely used on the vaulted ceiling to create a less formal feel. The office is adorned with stunning dark rich hardwoods overlooking the forest. It has a traditional ambiance with its built-in library and a place where a piece of rare art, a fine brandy and leather-bound books would feel right at home.

A side entrance reveals the two-floor climatized garage with a European lift system that can hold up to eight cars.

The lower level continues on to an arched cave-like vintage wine cellar ➤





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of stone and Spanish cedar that houses 750 wine bottles. The large exercise room has cushioned cork flooring, and flatscreens located at each workout station.

The lower level also houses a theatre room with a vintage flair and modern amenities including plush leather seating for twelve, a popcorn machine and a state-of-the-art surround sound system and sound-proof walls. The Games room is complete with heated hardwood flooring and an incredibly spacious four-bartender bar. The room also houses an arcade and jukebox with a large side living room for those wanting to relax and watch one of the 23 flatscreens found throughout the house. This floor also boasts a live-in nanny's quarters that is well appointed and spacious.

From here, take the modern world elevator up two levels to the guest bedrooms with their own large walk-in closets and breathtaking ensuite bathrooms. The Master wing is an impressive 1,600 square foot romantic retreat with soaring 18-foot vaulted ceilings and a hand-carved marble fireplace. The dressing room has been affectionately referred to as the '5th Avenue Boutique' as it is just as large as a New York shop. A dramatic centre island has been added for packing convenience and the walls have custom-built shoe and purse shelves and a large flat screen. The exquisite ensuite a wall of windows overlooking the forest and the floor has been fitted with nine hundred pound marble slabs. There is a two-person steam shower and a hot tub that is filled by a waterfall that flows from the ceiling. The double sink mirror has a unique flat

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screen TV set in behind for watching the news or the market as you shave.

The in-law suite is a separate oasis that has a living room, large sleeping area, walk-in closets, sumptuous bathroom and a built-in mini bar with access to the rooftop patio. There is a four-person elevator that travels to all four levels.

The luxury mansion has been built with a blend of artisan craftsmanship and ultra-modern technology aimed at those who enjoy the finer things in life.

Some other custom details include a glycol snow melt system where there is virtually no shovelling, a solid granite cobblestone driveway, a state-of-the-art Smart Home System Technology, four mechanical rooms and the first home in Mississauga with 600 amps of power. With a 200 amp back-up generator, there is no need to worry about power black-outs.

The house is on the market for \$11,088,000 and has already piqued interest locally and from as far away as Dubai, Russia and China. The only obstacle is what to give as a house warming gift. **GL**



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