

New Wesley Heights home is rich in symmetry, detail

The newly constructed fusion of contemporary and Old-World European elements at 4431 Klinge St. NW

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is undergoing final touches before it goes up for listing this month. Local duo Chrissy Wolfe and Jake Hanlon, of Hanlon Design Build, created the home after a teardown on this sloped lot. The new six-bedroom, five-and-a-half-bathroom house, with geothermal heating throughout, is entering the market at \$3,895,000.

The driveway on the right accesses a two-car garage and the ground floor on the lower half of the lot, while the slate front walk on the left rises to the stone-stack and dark wood front porch. The front door opens into a large entrance hall, providing a view straight through the house and into the backyard. There's an airy, bright feel to this space, with its higher-than-average ceilings, doorways and windows.

The entrance hall window illuminates the daring powder room, where bright teal trim, paint-daub wallpaper and a crystal chandelier provide a splash of Wolfe's artistic flair. Although this is the most eye-catching space in the house,

Wolfe took advantage of every opportunity to design with subtle beauty, quality and an intuitive view of the way people live.

The first floor offers unconventional takes on Classical symmetries, where the three square columns opening onto the spacious formal living/dining room frame the mirror-backed bookshelves and mirrored door to the elevator — which services the ground, first and second floors. The living and dining area has a coffered ceiling and provides ample light through floor-to-ceiling windows.

Farther back, the contemporary fireplace in the open-plan family room is centered on the cleanup sink in the kitchen across. The bulk of the kitchen, however, is beyond view from the family room — an intentional design move by Wolfe to hide any cooking messiness.

High-end appliances and thoughtful details fill the kitchen. The countertops are quartzite, a natural stone resembling white marble, but sturdier. Both the preparation and cleanup sinks have accompanying Bosch dishwashers. A Sub-Zero refrigerator/freezer, two Wolf ovens — one with six gas burners on the range — and a built-in Sharp microwave ensure capacity for big meals and entertaining. White cabinetry with glass-front or mir-



Photos courtesy of Washington Fine Properties

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ror-front top cabinets offers ample space.

French doors in the family room and kitchen open onto the slate back porch, which steps down into the walled backyard, complete with symmetrical wall fountain and decorative gas fireplace. A slate path leads to an outdoor grilling space.

Inside, the rich, wide-plank red oak flooring covering the whole first floor continues up to the second floor and into the three bedrooms — the master suite and the en-suite second and third bedrooms — giving way to tile in the three full baths and laundry room.

In the master bedroom, sliding glass doors open onto a balcony overlooking the backyard, covered with lightweight Resideck material. The master closet is large enough to be a bedroom itself, with plentiful shelves and

cabinets. The master bathroom floor, shower, bathtub backsplash and countertops are done in gray Haisa marble.

Two more bedrooms on the third floor offer a premium of square footage and large closets, plus crawl spaces. A hall bathroom serves both bedrooms.

On the ground level, the door from the garage opens onto a mudroom with built-in cubbies. A guest bedroom is located here, along with a full bathroom that repeats the gray marble from upstairs. The family recreation area includes a sitting room with fireplace and kitchenette complete with sink, microwave and space for a table and chairs. To the left, a heavy wooden door opens to reveal a wine cellar with racks for hundreds of bottles.

Located three blocks from American University, dining options, coffee shops and Horace Mann Elementary, and a short drive from the Sibley Memorial Hospital complex, this house enjoys a convenient, central location in Northwest D.C.

A special treat for the new owners will be an original painting by Wolfe herself — a gift she places in each of the homes she designs. The designer is currently hard at work finishing her piece for 4431 Klinge.

The six-bedroom, five-and-a-half-bathroom house at 4431 Klinge St. NW in Wesley Heights is listed for \$3,895,000. For more information, contact Nancy Taylor Bubas of Washington Fine Properties at 202-386-7813 or nancy.taylorbubas@wfp.com.

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