

Danish musician sells Celebration estate home for \$1.45M



This Spanish Colonial Revival-style estate home on Celebration's Eastlawn Drive has five bedrooms, five full bathrooms and an elevator. (Tony Davids Homes)

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A Danish rock star and member of the local Christian band "NewSong" recently sold his resort-style house in Celebration for \$1.45 million. The home on Eastlawn Drive backs onto a lake and is near the walking trails to downtown.

"The street it is on is a very prominent road. I describe it as the Rodeo Drive of Celebration," said Tony Davids, Celebration resident and owner of **Tony Davids Homes**, the broker representing the sellers. The estate home has five bedrooms, five full bathrooms, is 5,417 square feet, and has many unique features, including an elevator.

The lot is different for the area in the fact it is almost half an acre instead of zero lot lines. "This home is on a slightly larger lot and it benefits from being on the lake," Davids said, adding the upstairs rooms have a lake view. "To come into a property like this with such a large driveway and pool area was always a pleasurable experience."

Derrick Builders finished construction in 2005 and rocker Alan Binau and his wife Barbara bought the home from the builder in 2009. They added the elaborate pool with beach-like entries for their kids to enjoy. "It's not a typical square pool.

It's like a resort. It was a key selling point in my opinion," Davids explained. "It was pleasurable to show this house because it was very uplifting. It was like the difference in going to the Motel 6 and the Four Seasons."

One feature the buyers really liked was a hidden pantry which looks like regular cabinet doors, but opens to reveal a secret. "It would always bring a smile to someone's face. When you opened it, it would reveal a full-sized pantry," Davids said. The pantry feature is a signature of the builder. "You had no idea it was there until you opened it."

The Binaus' kids grew up, so the couple wanted to downsize and stay in the area. Retirees Eric and Amy McCord were looking to move from Georgia and find a bigger home for their extended family to enjoy during visits. They moved in the day of the closing.

"I got to know them pretty well, they came back three times," Davids said. "Their whole intent for purchase was to make this their primary residence. It's a super-nice family who are going to really enjoy the house and the location. It's satisfying to help a family buy their dream house."

Regal Real Estate Professionals represented the McCords as they looked to find their Central Florida Home

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