

Entertainment executive buys second Orlando area home for an escape

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The owners purchased this 14,000-square-foot mansion on the third hole of Isleworth's championship golf course as a second home. (Uneek Photography)

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A home in Isleworth now has some real star power.

The almost 14,000-square-foot home just sold late last month for \$6.4 million.

Public records show the buyers as Gary Pate and Jill Ann Wolins.

Pate is the founder and President/CEO of Star Dance Alliance and Starpower Talent. His wife, Jill Ann Wolins, is a former Radio City Rockette, Disney World dancer, and author of books about careers in dance.

“They wanted a lifestyle. They wanted a music room and a sound room for the music room. They wanted to have a dance studio. They wanted to have a theater room,” said buyers’ representative Kathleen Carlson with Imagination Realty.

“It is just a symbol of their lifetime of hard work and their success and they wanted it to show. This home looks that way. It’s just a beautiful, beautiful place and very distinctive.”

The house has six bedrooms, six bathrooms, and tons of entertaining space in a separate entertainment wing of the house.

“They wanted a signature home with lots of privacy and acreage yet on the other hand, they wanted to be able to entertain,” Carlson told GrowthSpotter. “They wanted a pool as a statement centerpiece where they could entertain.”

The home’s style is more traditional than what Carlson thought the couple would want with its heavy wooden beams, archways, columns, wrought iron accents, and more.

“It’s very old world. It’s old world charm that this house has. The other houses they have are extremely modern,” she said. “What surprised them is that they liked it because it isn’t modern. I was shocked when they said they wanted to see it. They just said there was something about it.”

While having that old world charm, it also does have modern touches like sound systems and other high-tech additions throughout the house.

“It is very modern technology wise. Every room is wired and every room has surround sound, which is important to them because they are in the entertainment industry,” Carlson explained. “There’s a raised platform where the grand piano goes and they can have entertainers come.”

There is also a two bedroom guest home.

The buyers have other homes, including one in Celebration and another in Annapolis, MD, which Carlson said they intend to keep.

“They put a million dollars into it to renovate [the Celebration house] whereas this house they purchased is totally different from the current home they live in,” Carlson said, adding this house is turnkey for the couple and they don’t plan to change anything. “They wanted to have an escape and this home will be their primary and their escape.”

The home is on a double lot totaling close to two acres.

“It has very lush landscaping and it’s sculpted, kind of like a little Versailles with sculpted walkways and pathways through the gardens,” Carlson explained, adding Pate wants to with and work in the gardens. “It’s reminiscent of another country and they just loved that.”

The estate sits on the third hole of Isleworth’s championship golf course and the new owners have access to all of the neighborhood amenities.

Linda Pellegrini of Pellegrini Homes built the home in 2002 and it was just what the buyers were looking for.

“[Pellegrini] is known for her custom estate homes and that is what they wanted, something to stand out and be special,” Carlson said. “Pellegrini built this home for the previous owner and it’s reminiscent of the chateaus in France.”

Public records list the seller as the trustee of the J. Bruce Laughrey Revocable Trust.

Monica Lochmandy with Isleworth Realty represented the seller in the deal.



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