

Photos

New York > Home and Living > Home Design Examiner



Fav
Bio

Beautiful bedroom: our sneak peek at Long Island's Designers' Showcase

September 28, 11:20 AM · Home Design Examiner · Jay Johnson

Comment Print Email RSS Subscribe Previous Next

Valerie Onor's bedroom in the Showcase is done up in great style, which she says "like great music and great love, never goes out of fashion." It's her special homage to **elegance and romance past and present**. She designed her significant, second floor space with great care, to create an ultra-romantic bedroom that nods to the past while firmly based in the present (see top photo). Onor's inspiration was the commanding mural in the bed alcove featuring Chinese pavilion, mountains, and exotic birds original to the home's 1915 décor. The technique used is called marouflage, a 3,000-year-old technique whereby artists adhesives were applied to both the wall and the canvas before adding paint. Coordinated panels were artfully designed to extend the mural, while still leaving the original panel as a focal point. Onor's workroom painstakingly replicated the mural in the two added end panels, gradually reduced the intensity of their color moving outward to seamlessly blend with the soft palette of the room — hues of aqua, ochre, and green.

The room's lush furnishings are done up in velvets, silks, a touch of lace, and soft colors that lend warmth and enhance the romantic mood. The modern and sophisticated audio-visual system is integrated invisibly into the room — notably within the **19th century rosewood cabinet** that houses a retractable flat-screen TV. The connecting bathroom and dressing room are carefully refurbished and preserved, maintaining their vintage quality. Original brass fixtures, antique wall scale, and tile coexist comfortably with new amenities — fresh wallpaper, fine linens, and accessories. Her dressing room continues to augment the room's plush feeling with a pair of feminine fireside chairs, a handpainted chest of drawers, and a retro dressing table with a tufted, upholstered seat.



Valerie Onor created a sumptuous bed alcove retreat for the upcoming Designers' Showcase in Mill Neck, NY.