

This landmark property on Kempenfelt Bay took two years to design and build. The open staircase is by Norcab Kitchen & Millwork Co. Accurate Glass produced the railing.

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BUILT FOR VIEWS BOTH IN AND OUT, THIS 13,000 SQ. FT. WATERFRONT SHOWPIECE ON MILLIONAIRES ROW ON THE NORTH SHORE OF KEMPENFELT BAY BOASTS THREE STOREYS OF WALL-TO-WALL WINDOWS THAT MAKE IT QUITE LITERALLY A SHINING EXAMPLE OF MODERN DESIGN.

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Owner Zarum, an internationally renowned artist, designed the kitchen with seating for 12 at the island with wrap-around open shelving.



“To me, it’s a landmark property,” reflects homeowner Zarum, an internationally renowned artist who personally oversaw every aspect of the 1.49-acre estate’s two-year design and build process. Including the trusses sourced through Barrie’s **United Lumber Home Hardware**, he estimates 95 per cent of the trades and suppliers he contracted to bring his vision to life were sourced locally.

“I’ve been around to all the houses on the lake and there’s nothing like it.”

It’s that unique quality he appreciates most about the home he shares with his horse-loving wife Suzanne, a Toronto-based periodontist, and their frequent guests. Six bedrooms – including two master retreats with private balconies – are each equipped with private en suites by **Bathworks** and heated maple flooring. The quad-bay garage is topped by a separate bachelor loft overlooking the circular gated drive and extensive gardens by **R Legacy Landscapes**.

“Although it’s very large, it’s comfortable,” he adds, noting the special care taken to connect the Shanty Bay manor to its stunning natural environment, which includes 260 feet of one-of-a-kind shoreline (with an additional and adjacent 100 feet available) and dozens of mature trees.

“Every single room has panoramic lake views or oversees the adjacent estate’s manicured paddocks,” Zarum says. “As you open the front door and step inside, all you see is the water – it’s like you’re floating.”

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ABOVE: The living room with bright red furnishings and art by Zarum has a wall of windows and an unforgettable view of the bay. **RIGHT:** The pantry. **OPPOSITE, TOP LEFT:** The front of the home on Millionaires Row, located on the north shore of Kempenfelt Bay. **BOTTOM:** The dining room is located at the front of the 13,000 sq. ft. home, just off the kitchen.





TOP: The main level features high-gloss porcelain floor tiles and a floating staircase. **MIDDLE:** The view of the home from the bay. **RIGHT:** The cabana. **OPPOSITE, TOP LEFT:** The rectangular granite-edged pool is located above the home's 260-foot shoreline. **BELOW:** There's a wood-burning pizza oven on the lower terrace and a double-wide boathouse.



Furthering that sensation are the reflected waves dancing across every surface of the great room, from the high-gloss porcelain floor tiles to the **Benjamin Moore** Chantilly Lace-painted ceiling peppered with pot lights two storeys above. Hunter Douglas blinds are discreetly placed out of sight to maximize each vantage point, but are only a remote-control button away when required. The few walls not consumed by high end Marvin Windows continue the neutral palette with an off-white custom blend, but are adorned with dramatic hits of colour that treat the eye to the talent in residence.

"I tried to use whatever walls there are for art," Zarum says, pointing out the lowered electrical outlets and light switches that multiply display options. Other than two favoured pieces hanging in the formal dining room, all paintings are his own for exhibit – including an oversize twinned variation on one of his paintings from his popular LIP series, which were specifically created for this location. "I didn't have this luxury of space in our previous house, but this is still only about five per cent of my personal collection."

The gallery continues uninterrupted around the perimeter of the open-concept stretch, with architectural and design features defining each interior room. To the right of the great room, beyond a freestanding Zarum-designed glass Bio Flame fireplace, is the Sunroom that lives up to its name. To the left, a floating staircase, also designed by



Zarum, comprised of steel, solid cherry and glass signals the transition into a sleek kitchen with cherry cabinetry and a stainless-steel backsplash. Tucked in behind is the entrance to a screened-in Muskoka room with a vented indoor barbecue.

Built for entertaining by **Norcab Kitchen & Millwork Co. Inc.** with **Lalonde Plumbing**, the well-appointed Zarum-designed kitchen offers seating for 12 at a quartz-topped island. The nearby pantry, with wrap-around open shelving and accent lighting by **Shockwave Electrical Services** provides ample storage for supplies.

A quick elevator ride to the grand walk-out level accesses the well-stocked temperature-controlled wine cellar enhanced and encased by **Accurate Glass Products**, and an airy games room dominated by Zarum's 30-year-old custom billiards table. *Continued on page 34*



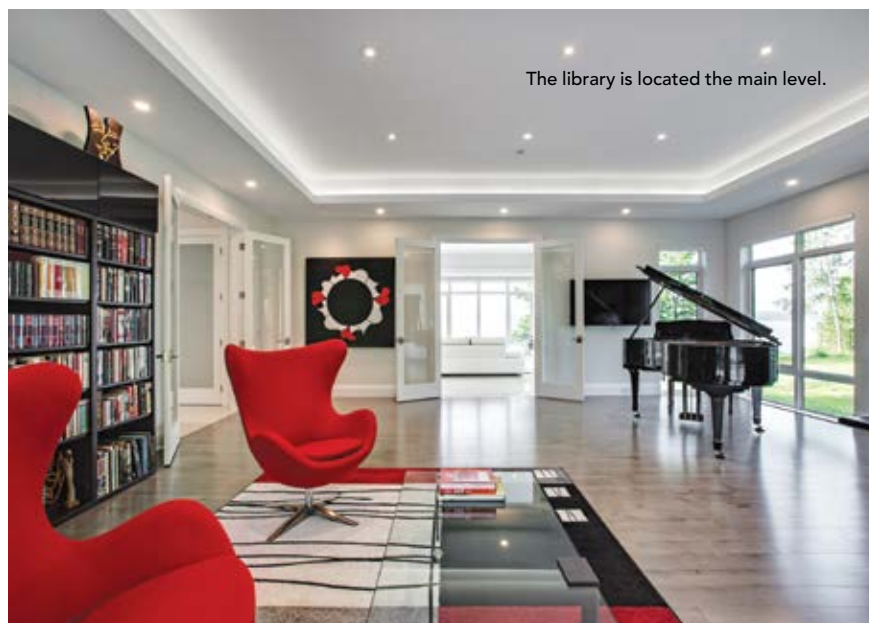
Take the elevator or the floating stairs down to the games room and theatre on the walk-out level. **BELOW:** The laundry room is located off the garage near the mudroom.

Through one nearby door, a gym and steam shower await active moments. Through another, a state-of-the-art theatre with a Dolby Atmos surround-sound system offers tiered seating and 12 reclining leather chairs.

Walk-out french doors lead to a multi-tiered outdoor living space that encourages all manner of open-air leisure pursuits. The granite-edged saltwater pool

and expansive deck is served by a cabana and a choice of dining terraces, one equipped with a wood-burning pizza oven and another with a lakeside fireplace. The double-wide boathouse features a marine rail and a roof-top patio perfect for parties and double docks at the ready for water play.

Having lived in some of the most picturesque and exciting locations in Europe and North America, the couple quickly realized Oro-Medonte offered everything they were looking for in a new home. *Continued on page 36*



The library is located the main level.



“I am an artist with an understanding of what my art is and where its destiny lies. It is, like anything worthwhile in my life, a passion that must be satisfied. In my art, I address everyone who dares to see beauty in creation, anyone who allows themselves to be inspired by freedom, all who believe in tenderness, while remembering to keep our sense of humour alive through good and bad times”
(Zarum)



Eight years ago, when Zarum and Suzanne first visited the area, they were lulled by the tranquility of the bay and charmed by the endless flocks of Canada geese that arrived to prepare for their southern migration. They watched the mature birds nurture their chicks and encourage the goslings to practise their take-offs and landings.

The abundance of natural beauty so conveniently situated near a major world city made the decision an easy one.

“For me, this is not cottage country, it’s a suburb of Toronto,” he says, describing the increasingly easy access to transportation to the city centre by road, train and air. “If you think about it, it’s like the Hamptons of the North. This area gives people the opportunity to live this lifestyle and still commute to Toronto.”

While this isn’t the first home Zarum and Suzanne have built together, it also won’t be their last. But this time, they’re not travelling far. *Continued on page 38*

There are four bedrooms located on the top level, including two master suites.



“With a decision to make each corner of the home shine with contemporary architectural details, the space complements the calm and serene feel of the lake. What goes unnoticed is Zarum’s ability to precisely pick out the appropriate pieces of art from each of his critically acclaimed collections in order to add, but never clash, with the decor of his waterfront property”.

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LEFT: The upstairs bridge between the the main master suite and the other three upstairs bedrooms.



MIDDLE: Entering the master. **BELOW:**


The tub in the en suite is placed on the diagonal with views from floor-to-ceiling windows. **BOTTOM:**

The en suite has high-gloss porcelain floors and walls, a separate toilet closet, separate walk-in shower and two floating vanities. All bathroom cabinetry by Norcab Kitchen & Millwork Co.



Although they've yet to be in their current home for a full year, they're already planning to transform the adjacent estate they own, Casa Lago Estate, the largest waterfront estate of its kind on Lake Simcoe, into their final dream estate. In preparation, they've listed the 15 Pemberton Lane estate for sale with **Kelly Lazar** of **Forest Hill Real Estate Inc. Brokerage** and posted details at 15pembertonlane.com in hopes the next residents enjoy the same luxury lakeside living. **OH**



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"Zarum's work has been shown in Canada, the US and in Europe to great acclaim. Most of the works have sold mostly to private collectors at highly respectable prices which reflect not only a belief in the current value of the work, but to its increasing value as the acclaim grows. Zarum is a Canadian with roots around the world."

"...true artists know that what they create is for others to enjoy and such is the case with this masterpiece waterfront property. Zarum has placed this property on the market for others to enjoy as he plans to build his next home on his nearby Casa Lago Estate, the largest waterfront estate of its kind on Lake Simcoe".