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# Beauty Built

## For Life

### FAST FACTS

- Two storey
- 5 Bedrooms
- 3000 square feet above grade
- 1500 square feet finished basement
- Prairie stone exterior
- Brazilian hardwood floors
- Dual high-efficiency furnaces
- Built far beyond Manitoba Hydro's Gold standard for energy efficiency.



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With average Winnipeg home values hovering around \$170,000 a house tagged at over a million dollars is bound to stir up excitement, so Gino's Homes is drawing a crowd at 27 Waterton Drive to tour this gorgeous custom two-storey. How would owning a home like this change your lifestyle? If you've never imagined what it would be like to be surrounded in spectacular style, this home will quickly remedy that. In one look, it's easy to envision yourself living here.

Featured in the Spring Parade of Homes in Royalwood, the 3000 square plan has an additional 1500 square feet developed on the lower level. On arrival at the lake side house, the prairie stone exterior indicates that this property is special. Upon entering, a grand foyer boasts two-storey ceilings and a handful of gorgeous features immediately stand out, starting with rich Brazilian hardwood floors. Gino's Homes representative Jim Wall explains "it has twice the hardness compared to oak." A solid maple staircase with open

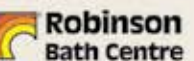


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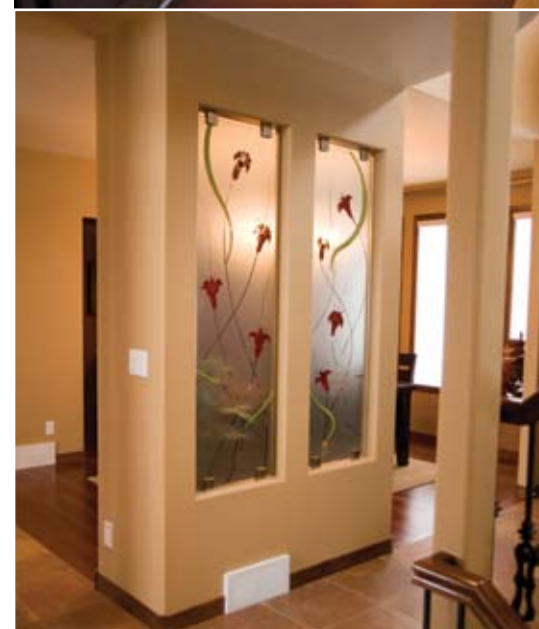


risers and wrought-iron spindles makes a beautiful centerpiece for the foyer. Another piece of artistry to the right, etched glass panels allow light from the hallway to spill into the formal dining room.

Ooohs and ahhs are usually reserved for main living areas, but less glamorous elements of the property also deserve mention. With a structural wood floor, steel beams, dual high-efficiency furnaces and tri-pane windows, quality also exists in the materials and craftsmanship that aren't as visually evident. According to Jim, "The house is built far beyond Manitoba Hydro's Gold standard for energy efficiency."

A couple of steps into the house its richness is already evident and exemplary

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styling that fits family life gives a comforting feel to the home too. In the great room, one can imagine gathering by the two-sided stone fireplace or enjoying a great movie on the high definition, big screen television. A cherry wood and quartz entertainment centre is an eye-catching feature here. Completely wired for entertainment, built-in components are run by remote control and flush mounted speakers in the ceiling drop down for use. An array of other electronic features includes the ability to turn on the alarm system from the master bedroom.

As you might anticipate, the kitchen is beyond beautiful. It features 18" ceramic tile floors, full ceramic backsplash, granite

counters and top-of-the-line appliances, including a dishwasher that's stainless steel inside and out. Cabinetry is cherry wood that's carried through to the hood fan and other fine details. What's most unique is an octagon shaped island with curio cabinet above that's a both functional and handsome feature. Bay windows overlook the lake and wash the dinette with natural light. Behind an inconspicuous frosted door in the corner lies a dream pantry the size of an average bedroom, completely outfitted with custom storage shelving and drawers. It even has an extra fridge that would really come in handy for keeping prepared dishes for a dinner party.

Down the ceramic hallway is a richly appointed office or den with maple shelving, and a powder room with cherry wood and granite. There's an exit to a triple attached garage that's more than just a parking spot. Fully insulated, drywalled, heated and wired for sound, this handy person's retreat has room to spare for tools and toys (the motorized kind) that can be washed and polished right there because there's a drain in the garage floor. How's that for convenience?

Upstairs is a large master bedroom with ensuite, laundry area, full bath and 3 delightfully decorated children's bedrooms. Kids

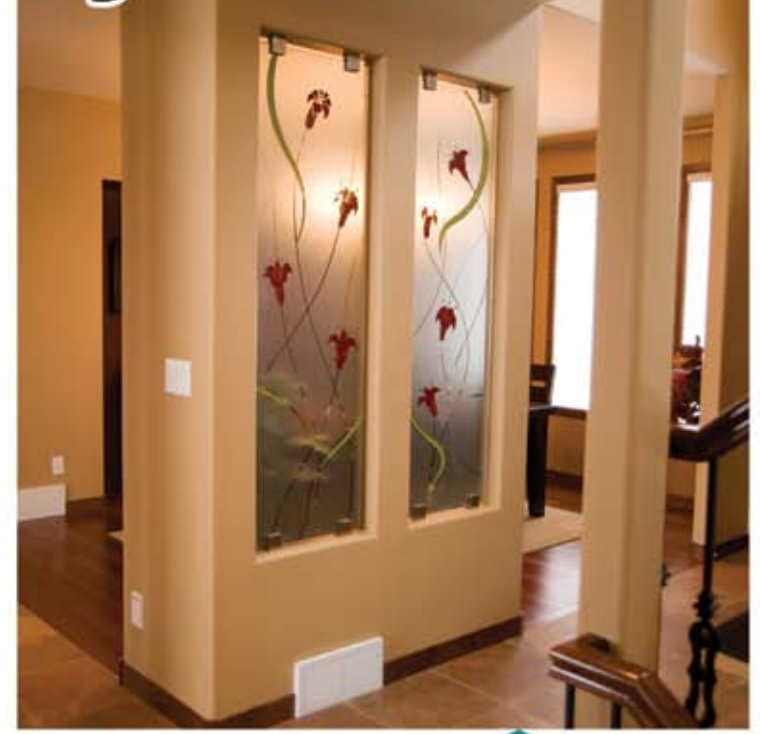
will go wild over the thought having a custom mural like one of these. Artist Larry Rich has succeeded in creating paintings to inspire sweet dreams. Designed for the personalities of the family that the home was built for, the kids' bedrooms are adorned with adorable dancers, a park-like setting with cuddly dog and life-sized figures of local sports legends Dale Haverchuk and Milt Stegall. The master bedroom features a 5-sided bay window nook with a large jetted tub and an elegant ensuite with top-notch finishing.

Accessible from two separate staircases, the walk-out basement carries the same ambiance as the main floor, with





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quality finishing, 9 foot ceilings and a wall of windows looking out to the lake. Alongside a great room and games area, the bar can double as a kitchenette, complete with appliances, wine storage, granite countertops and plenty of cabinets. An extra bedroom and 3-piece bath make this space great for hosting overnight guests or giving some private chill-out space for the teen or young adult in the family.

This top notch property with old world quality and contemporary design provides both richness and comfort that's warm and welcoming for family living.

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