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Floor-to-ceiling burlwood and brass add a dose of glamour.

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When designer Eddie Maestri first entered his space at the 2024 Kips Bay Decorator Show House Dallas, he was overcome by a powerful memory. The room took him back to Château de Gudanes in France where he participated in a restoration retreat and has since visited multiple other times, including this past summer with the Maestri Studio team.

His space, titled “Salon de Musique” after the castle’s most opulent social room, features plenty of clever twists from Art Deco architectural installations to Asiatic influences that truly make it a one-of-a-kind entertaining destination.

Maestri brought in curved burl wood wall panels and an oval medallion swathed in a mylar coating that creates a mirrored effect on the ceiling to give a refreshing spin on the home’s French Renaissance-inspired architecture while being visual anchors for the space. However, there are showstoppers at every turn, starting with the custom-designed free-floating landscape sofa that invites guests to cozy up and make conversation or just soak up the beauty of the space. The windows also received plenty of design attention with a mix of tulip shades from The Shade Store in alternating fabrics by Larsen and Cowtan & Tout as an updated interpretation of old-school balloon shades.



Asian influences can be found throughout the room, namely inspired by Maestri's travels to Japan and South Korea. The Jiun Ho chandelier is an abstract play on Japanese cherry blossoms, and shades like oxblood and orange evoke a more Eastern palette versus a more neutral and metallic palette one might find in a grand chateau.

"It's a great place to lounge and keep your eye busy," says Maestri. "We pulled in so many things that we love. I thought about that chateau experience and how that house would be built today. You would still want this opulent space, but it needs to feel very comfortable as well."