





ARIEL MULLER

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Soft-spoken and cerebral, artistic and passionate, Ariel Muller is a man of many qualities.

Intelligent, enlightening designs take form in his studio where more than 20 years of experience is reflected in an award-winning portfolio of exceptional residential interiors. Ariel grew up with a European heritage in a highly creative family environment. His parents immigrated to Canada in 1961 and went on to establish Toronto's first retail interior design center. An early immersion in this fascinating field led to Ariel's formal education in architecture and design. He attended the International Academy of Design & Technology and upon graduation in 1986 opened his interior design atelier—a professional path that has proven to be most rewarding.

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Seamlessly merging form and function, the media room's classic contemporary aesthetic creates a cocooning effect through natural elements and carefully concealed technology.
Photograph by David Whitaker



The intentionally small boutique studio has a handpicked team of creative design professionals with Ariel serving as principal designer. He makes it his mission to be intimately involved in each and every project, serving elite urban clientele in Toronto, Manhattan, throughout the United States and abroad. Ariel's keen ability to listen may very well be his greatest asset. During initial client meetings he tunes in to identify requirements and desires, quickly interprets preferences and translates concepts into final designs.

Ariel's passion for integrating technology with architectural details has brought forth a design aesthetic that defines the studio's niche. Creating smart homes with automated systems, sophisticated media rooms and home theaters integrating design and technology has become the firm's specialty. He thrives on researching complex technical projects that require in-depth problem solving such as finding ways to improve noise control in a media room by collaborating with acoustical consultants; it satisfies his need to combine science and creativity, melding the latest electronics with classical design principles.



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The vaulted great room uses veiled technology, graceful chandeliers and generous seating to provide a versatile gathering space. Its classical lines and family-friendly appointments combine traditional good looks with livability.

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BOTTOM LEFT

Performances on the prized rosewood Steinway piano are surely enhanced by equally sophisticated accents, including antique glass drapery finials, luxuriously tactile fabrics and an exquisite Chihuly glass sculpture.

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Enveloped by tufted silk chairs and paneled walls, the grand sapele pommele wood table mirrors an oval-domed classical ceiling creating an elegant dining atmosphere.

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Offering a full range of design services including corporate, retail and hospitality projects, the firm is equally renowned for creating quality interiors for prestigious private residences; Ariel enjoys working with each respected client to forge the perfect plan. Working to fulfill every wish, he carefully analyzes the project's scope and proceeds from concept to completion, collaborating with the best architects, builders, consultants and expert tradespeople.

With strict adherence to proven architectural principles, he works in all genres from modern to traditional, yet Ariel's residential commissions tend to be transitional in style with a sophisticated sensibility often incorporating contemporary elements. Appreciating organic hues of nature, he prefers monochromatic and muted palettes with focal points of color, adds texture and light, and then unifies the space with original art. An accomplished fine artist, Ariel has been commissioned to personalize a home with an individual work of

his own creation. In one brilliant mixed-media composition he layered textural acrylic gels on oversized panels and embedded pieces of decorative glass for dramatic impact.

The studio is also developing its signature furniture collection featuring unique chairs, custom sofas, exquisite tables and cabinets made from a range of superior materials. Components include select hardwoods, fine upholstery, glass elements and metalwork of steel, iron and bronze. Ariel's home furnishings line is essentially contemporary with classical forms and details, which he characterizes as "refined modern." Restrained, tailored and tasteful, his luxurious interiors consistently meet the core requirements of being comfortable and functional, but with an artful eclecticism. Many creative inspirations are derived from the rich beauty of nature, travels to Paris and Milan, and grand architectural tours of both old and new structures coupled with the ever-present stimulation of the design world.

Ariel sensitively employs sustainable principles whenever possible to enhance the quality of life for residents and the planet as a whole. The studio designers are adept at introducing new, environmentally friendly materials in keeping with its objective to achieve the proper aesthetic while providing practicality for today's lifestyles.

Expressing his quiet passion, artistry and innovative spirit, Ariel Muller's interiors have become the epitome of refined, understated elegance for a new era.



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Strong yet inviting, the combination of artfully moulded stone, forged metal ironwork, copper fixtures and earthen-hued velvet drapery exudes serene, natural elegance.

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BOTTOM RIGHT

Handsomely tailored with refined lines, the leather and wrought iron sleigh bed is juxtaposed against a natural stone wall creating the room's inviting rustic ambience.

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A great room's warmth defies its impressive scale. Soaring ceilings and expansive views mesh with welcoming seating areas and rich wood tones for the ultimate log home experience combining comfort and luxury.

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