

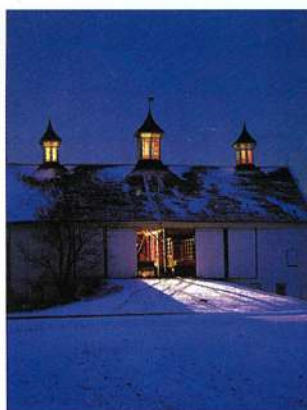
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TIPS AND TRENDS

- If you want multirow seating, remember that ceiling height might dictate the maximum number of rows you can have in the room, since the rows will be elevated on risers.
- Remote-control lighting allows you to modify the mood of the room from your seat.
- A wireless touch panel remote can simplify

your home theater by bringing multiple audio-video components under your control with a graphic display.

- Indirect cove lights accent a room's architectural features and provide effective perimeter lighting.
- Columns are good for more than decoration. They can hide speakers, and they can enhance acoustics (hard surfaces diffuse sound).
- Fiber-optic star ceilings are a growing trend in

ambient lighting.

- Adding a stage to a home theater provides a great place for kids to perform karaoke and train for *American Idol*.
- Consider a rear-projection screen if you have an open basement with other entertainment features, such as a bar, a billiards table, or a bowling alley; otherwise, competing light from those areas might affect picture quality.

company operates out of a 22,000-square-foot facility with a movie theater and several demo rooms showing off various lighting, audio, and video features. EDG installs front-projection systems with screens ranging in size from six to 20 feet diagonally.

2. JD Audio and Video Design, Inc.

Fort Lee, 201.461.7475, jdavdesign.com

Founded in 1969, JD gained acclaim after installing a home theater for the man who opened the first McDonald's in Moscow. The family-owned and -operated business has grown into an award-winning custom audio-video firm, offering home theater and multiroom audio design and installation, along with home automation.

3. Home Theaters By Design

Chester, 908.879.0879


hometheatersbydesign.com

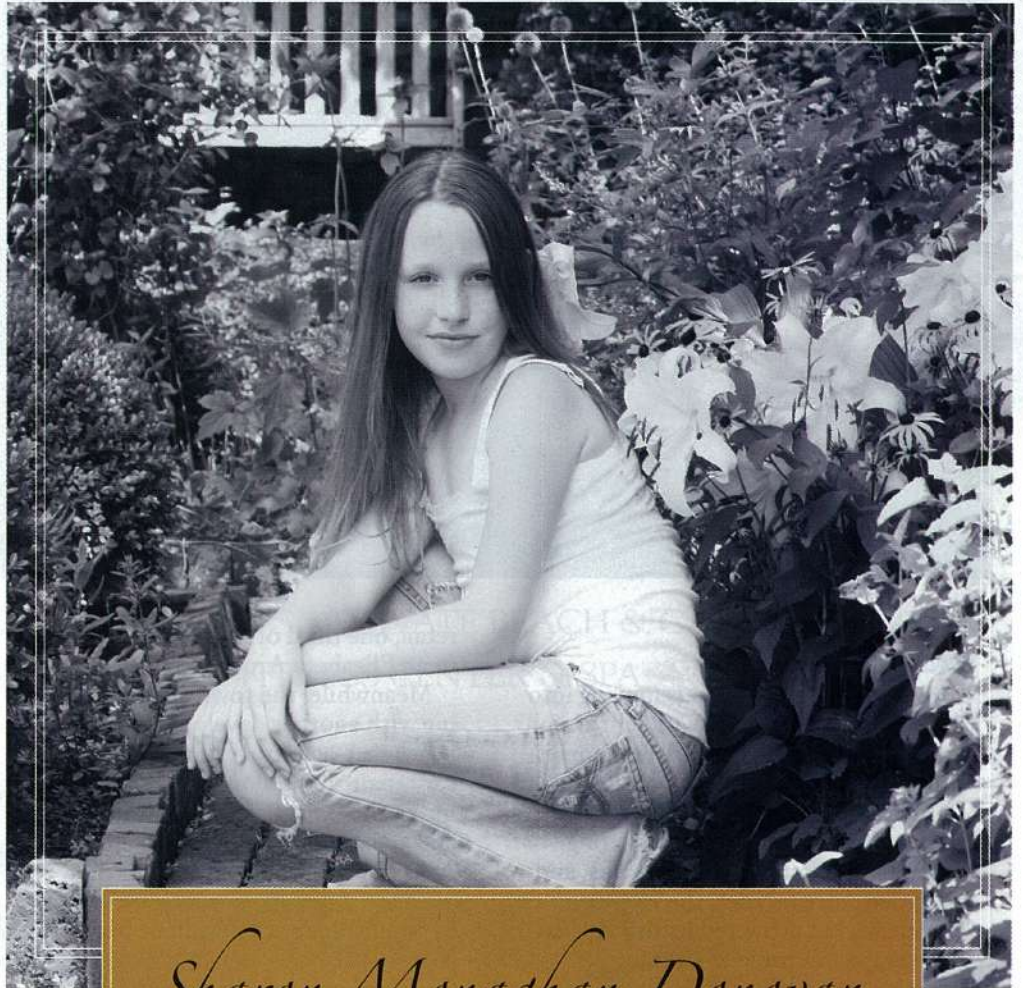
Formed in 2003, Theaters By Design won a CEDIA award for "Best Media Room" in 2004 for one of its first projects. Specializing in private theater design and installation, the company has in-house craftsmen who provide construction services. Lucasfilms and THX certified technicians calibrate the theater systems.

4. Sound View Electronics

Ridgewood, 201.444.4782

soundviewelectronics.com

For more than 14 years SVE has used its expertise in computers and entertainment equipment to design and install state-of-the-art home theaters. As a dealer for JDL Synthesis audio systems, SVE provides components you might find at a multiplex or performing arts center. Begin your plans with an in-home consultation or an appointment at the designer showroom and retail store. 



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hollywood at home

In big-ticket houses, home theaters are becoming standard fare

BY PURNELL T. CROPPER

With more new homes getting supersized, the desire to create specific spaces for entertainment is on the rise. Dedicated home theaters, where guests can enjoy the silver-screen experience anytime, have more bells and whistles than ever. Motorized shades, multiple rows of reclining seats, soundproofing, and theater-quality lighting and com-

ponents are just the beginning. With professional help, homeowners can create a space as elegant or lavish as they wish, with some people spending more than \$100,000. Here is a sampling of companies, all certified by the Custom Electronic Design and Installation Association, that can build a complete home theater, from elec-

tronics and physical architecture to furnishings and accessories.

1. Electronics Design Group, Inc.
Piscataway, 732.650.9800, edgonline.com
 Serving the tristate area since 1987, EDG provides home theater design and installation, systems integration, multi-room audio and video, and more. The