

MICHAEL BRUNO'S CHIC, PRIVATE WORLD

The 1stdibs founder opens up two of his glamorous houses

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Bruno, the aesthete-cum-tech mogul (and admitted Paris flea-market addict[1]), has made a fortune from helping others live stylishly. So it should come as no surprise that the founder of the recently launched design app Housepad practices—nay, personifies—his own lofty domestic dogma.

Bruno, the subject of a profile in *DuJour*'s spring issue[2], warmly welcomed us into two of his four assiduously curated residences to take a peek around. Both featured properties—a drool-worthy West Village townhouse[3] and his primary pile, a 14,000-square-foot Regency style mansion, situated on 14,000 acres in Tuxedo Park, NY—exemplify Bruno's urbane-bucolic lifestyle.

"Bank Street is my favorite street in New York," Bruno says of his city address. "It feels like living in Sag Harbor in Manhattan—no high-rises and many historically protected buildings. Add to that having the Waverly Inn [restaurant] across the street and it just doesn't get any better."

"The townhouse I live in—or should I say, 'stay at,' as I really only stay over one or two nights a month—functions as an office and meeting place for a number of projects I am working on, and is a fun place to have old-school parties," he adds. "Last year, we had 500 people show up to see a small show of works by Gloria Vanderbilt, with a bar set up at the curb for guests flowing out and onto the street, and several hundred another night for my dear friend and designer Kathryn Ireland."

Asked about his nearby country estate, Bruno says, "Tuxedo Park is only a 45-to-60-minute trip from the New York City, but you feel like you are in a different world. Most of my friends say it feels otherworldly when they come for the first time. It's one of those places you just have to see for yourself. The real estate is so reasonable—historic mansions on cliffs overlooking lakes, mixed with carriage houses converted to perfect weekend homes," he explains. "I could not help myself and have purchased several homes and more than a 100 acres. We are opening a real estate office in March, Tuxedo Hudson Realty, because I love it so much and want to get all of my friends to come up and look and buy houses."

Endnotes:

1. flea-market addict: <http://dujour.com/culture/nyc-best-antique-collectibles-stores/>
2. the subject of a profile in *DuJour*'s spring issue: <http://dujour.com/lifestyle/housepad-app-michael-bruno/>
3. West Village townhouse: <http://dujour.com/design/manhattan-townhouse-home-design/>
4. David Foxley: <http://dujour.com/contributors/david-foxley/>

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Casual dining room in Michael Bruno's Tuxedo Park home



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Formal dining room in Michael Bruno's Tuxedo Park home



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Foyer in Michael Bruno's Tuxedo Park home



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Gallery in Michael Bruno's Tuxedo Park home



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Guest bedroom in Michael Bruno's Tuxedo Park home



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Sitting room in Michael Bruno's Tuxedo Park home



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Dining room in Michael Bruno's West Village townhouse

Mirror: Hervé van der Straeten patinated bronze Branches Bull's Eye Mirror from Maison Gerard; Centerpiece: Matthew Solomon unique glazed stoneware centerpiece from Maison Gerard; Planter and green ceramics atop shelf: Glazed ceramic planter on top shelf. On top and second to top shelf, glazed ceramic newel caps, which were originally designed as finials for a staircase. Both are French or Belgian, ca. 1910-1920 from Maison Gerard; Table: Travertine Table by Willy Rizzo; Chairs: Tulip chairs by Eero Saarinen from Knoll; Peacock: Found at a flea market in Tuxedo Park, NY; White shelf: Pair of White Shelves from Wyeth, NYC



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Sitting room in Michael Bruno's West Village townhouse

Armchairs and Sofa: 1970s red leather and brass sofas made in Belgium for an ad agency; Red and purple painting, Title: Velvet Twilight, Artist: Michele D'Ermo, Oil on linen, Size: 64 x 72; Floor lamp with ball: Maison Jansen faux tortoise lamp; Mirror: 19th century Dutch Mirror; Coffee Table: Found at the Paris Flea Market in 2001; Table in background: Rustic French table found at the Paris Flea Market; Wood sculpture: Mario dal Fabbro (1913-1990), Construction No. 5 carved wood sculpture from 1970 from Maison Gerard; Sculptures on mantel: Glazed stoneware falcons by Knud Khyn (1880-1967) for Royal Copenhagen from Maison Gerard



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Parlor in Michael Bruno's West Village townhouse

Sofas: 1970's de Sede leather sofas; Penguins: Found in Bruges; Monkeys: 19th century bronze monkeys found in Montreal; Table: Travertine cube tables, ca. 1970's found in Amsterdam; Chairs: Tulip chairs by Eero Saarinen from Knoll; Console: Jacques Quinet console, ca. 1940's; Round table: Purchase on 1stdibs via the Paris Flea Market; Furry creature in background: 1970's wooly the sheep bench; Planter on mantel: French or Belgian glazed ceramic planter, ca. 1910-1920 from Maison Gerard; Table Lamps: Pair of Belgian table lamps, circa 1970 from Maison Gerard



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Master bedroom in Michael Bruno's West Village townhouse

Bed: Ralph Lauren leather bed produced in the Amish country; Bench: Bronze and leather strap bench; Painting: Title: Graphite Artist: Michele D'Ermo; Oil on linen Size: 48 x 60; Horses on mantel: 1960's pair of horse head andirons; Dresser / secretary: 19th century French secretary found in Madrid on a trip to meet dealers for 1stdibs; Faux Turtle Shell: Faux turtle shell found at Tuxedo Park garage sale



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