

EXCELLENCE IS IN THE DETAILS:

THE ERA OF TUDOR REVIVAL IN CINCINNATI

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OPPOSITE: The finest artisans of the early 1900s built homes rich in detail, including impressive stonework, masterful ironwork, and craftsmanship nearly impossible to duplicate today.

ABOVE: An essential characteristic of the style is exterior half-timbering. Windows are works of art, with stained glass adornment that features the original owner's family crest.

LEFT: Massive stone fireplaces and intricately paneled walls and ceilings are characteristic of the Tudor Revival style. Homes of the period included exquisite gardens, where world-class masons designed elaborate terraces, walls, carved balustrades, arched niches, and semi-circular steps.

During the first two decades of the 1900s, before the stock market crash, Cincinnati saw tremendous growth in its housing market. Renowned architects and artisans from across the nation, and around the world, came to the Queen City to build magnificent homes for prominent families. Their legacy is found in carefully preserved homes that grace Cincinnati, and are the reason the city is able to boast one of the most impressive collections of historic architecture in the U.S. "The early 1900s marked the height of Tudor Revival," says Cincinnati realtor Perrin March. Over the past 25-years, March has represented some of the city's most beloved and recognizable homes. Along the way, he has developed a passion for and an expertise in Cincinnati's rich architectural landscape. Tudor Revival, among his favorite styles, was a preference of residents of Hyde Park in the early 1900s. These were families who followed newly-installed streetcars, moving outside the city and building impressive mansions for their families. March is currently representing one of these masterpieces of architecture, located in the Rookwood area at 2555 Handasyde Avenue. March calls the Handasyde Avenue home among the most

meticulously preserved examples of Tudor Revival he has represented in his career, citing the home's intricately carved woodwork, leaded glass interior doors, massive stone fireplaces, ornate moulding, finely detailed iron work, and myriad other architectural details that mark the home as a stunning example of the style. "There is something wonderful to discover around every corner of the home's nearly 8,000 square feet," says March. "The essential characteristic of a Tudor Revival home is exterior half-timbering," explains March, who adds that the style also includes oversized fireplaces, steeply pitched roofs with dormers, and brick, stone or stucco siding. The windows of Tudor Revival homes are another place the style differentiates itself, with artful arrangements of tall, narrow multi-light windows featuring elaborate casements and, often, diamond-paned glass. ❖

To sell your historic home, or to learn more about 2555 Handasyde Avenue, contact Perrin March at Robinson Sotheby's International Realty, 513.379.2253, perrin.march@sothebysrealty.com.