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Tour the 2026 Kips Bay Decorator Show House New York

This exclusive first look reveals the inspired spaces conjured by this year's roster of 22 designers alongside a special art curation by Gay Gassmann

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Inside the room designed by Carrier & Company at the 2026 Kips Bay Decorator Show House New York.
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The exterior of the Kips Bay Decorator Show House location at 80 West Washington Place.
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Even the most established New Yorkers love a reinvention, and after 50-plus years, the **Kips Bay Decorator Show House** is no different. Last year, the annual gathering moved from uptown to Greenwich Village, and changed the calendar from spring to fall. This year, the event adds an exciting art moment, curated by author and art-world insider **Gay Gassmann**, who will elevate the show house's emblematic stair.

"I am so excited and honored to have been invited to curate the Gallery Stair at this year's Kips Bay," says **Gassmann**. "The curated art stair will run through the entire house and lead visitors up to all the rooms with artworks on each landing. I have selected American artists who represent American creativity and beauty in all its forms. I invite visitors into the show house to celebrate living with art, color, and joy."



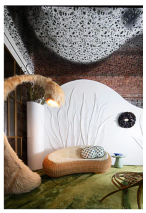
The "After Dark Aerie" crafted by EZG Design at the 2026 Kips Bay Decorator Show House New York.
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Indeed, this year's event—which encompasses 22 designers who transformed a plethora of spaces in the multilevel townhouse once home to famed American composer John Philip Sousa—embraces palette and pattern, with inspirations ranging from the whimsical designs of Spanish architect Antoni Gaudi to Italy's *caffè* culture. "I still think of this block as the center of the world," says **Peter Dunham**, who designed a guest bedroom at the show house. "When the opportunity arose to participate in a historic house in the nexus of my New York experience, it was too good to pass up."

"For more than 50 years, Kips Bay has set the standard; an invitation to design a room here is a defining moment in an interior designer's career," adds **Andrew Torrey**, who is shaping a sultry smoking room. "This year's contemporary townhouse in Greenwich Village marks a new, exciting chapter, and I'm grateful to have a hand in it."



Robbins Architecture and Interiors founder Celeste Robbins drew from her travels throughout Japan for a bath that balances customary restraint with punctuating moments.
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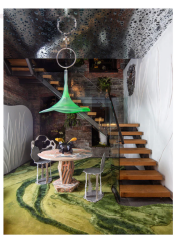
Aamir Khandwala Interior Design's space at the 2026 Kips Bay Decorator Show House New York.
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Open September 16 through October 13, the **Kips Bay Decorator Show House** will not only showcase the work of emerging and established designers, but also the creative output of brands like **Artistic Tile**, **Benjamin Moore**, **Kohler**, Kravet, and more. But most importantly, the ongoing event serves as an important fundraiser for the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club, and since its inception, it has raised more than $35 million in support of the organization's vital educational and enrichment programs for young people throughout **New York City**.

"There is nothing quite like seeing a Kips Bay Decorator Show House come to life," says James Druckman, President of the Board of the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club. "We are beyond excited to welcome the public to 80 Washington Place and invite everyone to experience what these extraordinary designers have created while helping support the young people of the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club."

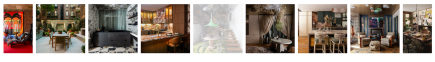
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Aamir Khandwala Interior Design envisioned his room, The Secret Garden, during a trip to Barcelona, where he viewed the fantastical designs of famed architect Antoni Gaudí. "The Secret Garden is a magical space—a world that invites you to explore, where imagination and exploration have no limits," says Khandwala, who enveloped the space with plaster walls hand-carved with a leaf motif, then installed a topographical Crosby Street Studio rug. Exuberant furnishings and art from Cristina Grajales Gallery, Maison Gerard, Hostler Burrows, The Future Perfect, Twenty First Gallery, R&Company and more add to the transportive ambience.

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*The **Kips Bay Decorator Show House New York** is open September 16 through October 13 at 80 West Washington Place, New York. This year's sponsors include **Advanced Home Audio Inc.**, **Artistic Tile**, **Benjamin Moore**, **Calico Wallpaper**, **Casamance, Inc.**, **Christopher William**, **Corston USA**, **Edward Fields/Tai Ping**, **Galerie Magazine**, **Kohler**, **Kravet**, **Made Goods**, **Marc Phillips**, **Morris and Co.**, **Morris Moving & Storage**, **New York Design Center**, **Pace Gallery**, **Perrotin**, **Phillip Jeffries**, **Pooky Lighting**, **Ropes and Gray**, **Royal Green** Appliance Companies in partnership with Viking and Lynx, **Rug & Kilim**, **SilverLining**, **Susan's Jewelry Collection**, and **The Shade Store**.*

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