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Celebrity Real Estate: Claire Danes Quietly Buys West Village Apartment



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Claire Danes quietly bought a home in Manhattan.

This week in celebrity real estate, property records confirmed Claire Danes' home purchase in West Village, actor Nick Nolte listed his Malibu estate and designer Nate Berkus stuck his New York apartment on the open market.

Claire Danes quietly purchases West Village townhouse

Claire Danes must have learned some tricks from her CIA operative role on “Homeland.” The blonde actress picked up a new home in the West Village last November without drawing any attention to the purchase.

A born-and-raised New Yorker, Danes and her British actor husband Hugh Dancy listed their former home in SoHo for \$5.988 million last June. The SoHo condo is currently off the market, but property records have yet to report a sale.

But that didn’t limit Danes and Dancy in their next home purchase; the couple bought their Greenwich Village townhome for \$6.876 million.

Described as “welcoming” and “bright,” the single-family home was built at the turn of the 20th century and retains much of its original Greek Revival style. Measuring 3,640 square feet, the living spaces are generous, with 12-foot-high ceilings and large windows.

The 4-bedroom, 4-bath home also includes plenty of outdoor space with terraces on all three levels, as well as a ground-level courtyard and rooftop garden.

Actor Nick Nolte lists Malibu home with celebrity pedigree

It’s not a new trend for celebrities to buy each other’s homes. Often, if one celeb likes a home, another star will find it just as appealing. Such is the case with Nick Nolte’s home. Currently owned by the veteran actor, best known for his roles in “48 Hours” and “The Thin Red Line,” the property includes Tommy Chong, Don Felder of the Eagles and songwriter/producer David Foster among its previous owners, according to the Los Angeles Times. Nolte has listed his home for \$8.25 million.



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Nick Nolte’s house has been a home for many A-listers.

What attracted the heavy list of stars to the property? Likely the secluded location. The Bonsall Canyon estate at 6173 Bonsall Drive, Malibu Calif. 90265 sits on 2 flat acres surrounded by sycamores, corrals and pines to create what Malibu listing agent Jane Kellard of Westside Estate Agency calls an “artist’s paradise.”

The home was built in 1963 and opens to a mahogany entryway with onyx floors leading to a living area with vaulted, 19-foot ceilings. The upstairs master suite features a sitting area with a fireplace and office.

Nate Berkus lists NYC one-bedroom place

This apartment in Greenwich Village is just a 1-bedroom, 1-bath, but where it lacks in space, it makes up in style. Designed and renovated by Oprah darling Nate Berkus, the West Village place was featured in O Magazine and was recently listed for sale at \$699,000.



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Designer Nate Berkus, beloved by Oprah, has listed his New York one-bedroom apartment.

According to property records, Berkus bought the home in 2006 for \$550,000, and he owns another home in New York — a larger, 3,000-square-foot property — that he picked up in 2011. The designer recently became engaged to his longtime boyfriend, Jeremiah Brent. The two bought a house in late 2012 in Hollywood Hills and may be calling the Golden State home for a while.

Located at 32 Downing Street, Apt. 4D, New York, N.Y. 10014 the western-facing apartment has “views of one of the most charming corners of the Village.”

Berkus’ updates to the home include a renovated kitchen with new appliances and a bathroom with Carrera marble floors, white subway tile and vintage hardware.

The listing is held by Emily Beare and Christian Rogers of CORE.