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Jazz Legend David Sanborn Puts His Upper West Side Townhouse Up for Sale for \$12 Million

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SAXOPHONIST David Sanborn's home is as smooth as his jazz.

The six-time Grammy winner has put his upper West Side townhouse on the market for a cool \$12 million.

With two outdoor spaces, original wood paneling, stained glass, coffered ceilings and leather and wood furniture, the pad is understated and comfortable.

Sanborn, 67, and his wife, Sofia, a teacher, have lived in the house off Columbus Ave. and W. 69th St. for almost 25 years.

"I'm in the hub of New York City near Lincoln Center, Central Park and all these subways, but when I'm in the house, it's like a quiet refuge," said Sanborn. "We went to great lengths to build the soundproof studio. We

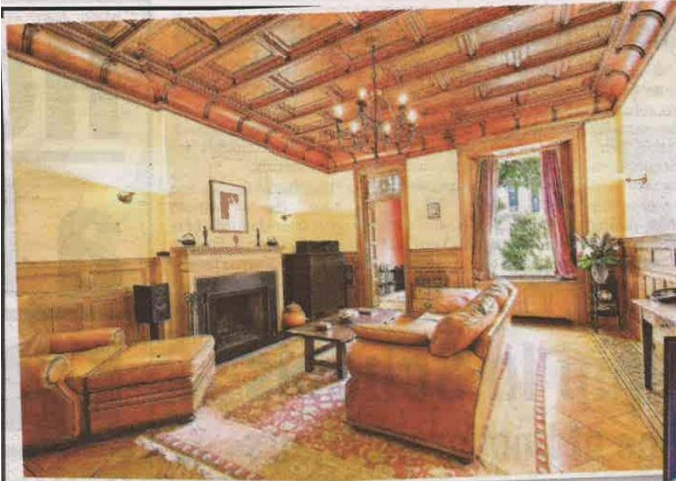
blew off firecrackers to test it. No one heard a thing."

Sanborn converted the home across the tree-lined street from The Day School from a five-unit building owned by an opera singer to a single-family home.

"When we stripped it down we found this 100 year-old golden oak that felt like butter," said the Missouri-raised musician, who has played with the Rolling Stones, Eric Clapton, neighbor Paul Simon and Stevie Wonder. He is now is on a world tour for his new album, "Quartette Humaine," which he recorded with pianist Bob Jame

Sanborn gave the listing to Shaun Osher, the founder of CORE and a fellow alto saxophonist. Osher met Sanborn in a sax repair shop on 48th St. 20 years ago when Osher arrived in New York, penniless, from South Africa.

"He was my idol," said Osher. "He's the real deal. A truly good soul. You feel that vibe when you're in the house."



Saxophonist David Sanborn (inset) is selling his W. 69th St. townhouse. The residence has soundproof studio and two outdoor spaces. Photos by Richard Caplan

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\$12M Sanborn home on market

