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The Plum of Beverly Hills

This elaborate 16-seat theater is perfectly at home inside a 22,000-square-foot Beverly Hills, Calif., villa (*Robb Report*'s Ultimate Home 2012), thanks in part to the property's architect, Richard Landry, and interior designer, Joan Behnke. Landry contributed such elements as the circular design of the mahogany ceiling, which required 1,100 hours to build, and Behnke created the ebony-and-mahogany cabinets that sit behind the front two rows of CinemaTech leather seats. Behnke also mandated that no speakers or speaker grilles be visible through the thick mahogany base that she had installed beneath the 14-foot-wide film screen. Because sound does not travel well through wood, Roberts Home Audio and Video, together with the speaker maker California Audio Technology, designed custom cabinets for the system's six 12-inch subwoofers. The cabinets direct the sound from the subwoofers up at a 45-degree angle, so that it passes through the cloth atop the wood base. The result: tight low-frequency responses down to a bone-rattling 19 Hz. H&S

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DESIGNERS: Richard Landry, www.landrydesigngroup.com, and Joan Behnke, www.joanbehnke.com

INSTALLER: Roberts Home Audio and Video, www.robertshomeav.com

EQUIPMENT: 7.1-channel surround system, with speakers from California Audio Technology; Anthem Statement amplifiers and preamplifier; Kaleidescape M700 Blu-ray Disc Vault and media server; Crestron control systems and wireless touchpanel remotes