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Ever wanted to see a movie at an old Parisian theater? Then visit the media room at the 2010 Hampton Designer Showhouse, which is on the market for \$5.25 million.

Designer Barbara Ostrom, who has offices in Manhattan and New Jersey, had seven weeks to design, create and build a movie theater for the Sag Harbor show house, which is open through Sept. 5. She worked alongside Manhattan- and Florida-based Split Rock Associates, which helped build the room, and Westbury-based Audio Command Systems, Inc., which provided the speakers and surround sound system.

The Art Deco theater, named "Sea View," is "like going into a theater in Paris," says Ostrom. "It's very dramatic and warm."

The theater boasts a large movie reel on the ceiling with fiber optics, padded velvet walls, crystal sconces, four bar stools with a bar counter, eight red leather seats, and a 25-by-17-foo screen. There is also a painted abstract mural on the wall.

The theater is even complete with a ticket taker at the foot of the room. "We had sculptor Nita Angeletti, who designs the mannequins for Macy's, create the ticket taker," says Ostrom. "I wanted her to be sort of hippie, with a lot of makeup, maybe someone aspiring to be in theater."

The hallway leading up to the room features framed photos, gold cork wallpaper and red velvet draperies.

"During the showing, I had six kids and two husbands sitting in the room watching 'Avatar' and I gave them popcorn," says Ostrom. "The mother came down and joked saying that she'll bring them back tomorrow."

Ostrom says this was her most expensive show house to date. "And in this economy, one has to promote, and this is how I promoted," she says. Ostrom has had three appointments set up just from the opening weekend alone for those interested in her designs.

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