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## Watching the Grammys From Home: A Music Exec's 'Polished' Retreat

A new book on L.A. firm DISC Interiors spotlights the abode of Interscope's Sam Riback, and his wife, nonprofit exec Gina Schulman, who'll be rooting for label stars including Billie Eilish from their couch on the big night *By Abigail Stone*



For **Sam Riback**, executive vp and co-head of A&R at Interscope Geffen A&M, and his wife, **Gina Schulman**, head of partnerships for PLUS1 Org, a nonprofit that works with artists including **Selena Gomez** to raise money and awareness for social and environmental justice causes, last year's Grammys were hugely memorable.

Interscope's **Billie Eilish** took home five statues including one for album of the year, while her brother **Finneas** was named producer of the year. "It was an amazing night for Billie and Finneas and the whole Interscope team," says Riback. Adds Schulman, "I think it was our last social outing."



Riback



Schulman

Less than six weeks later, Mayor **Eric Garcetti** issued stay-at-home orders for Los Angeles. This year, the Grammy Awards ceremony will take place March 14 amid COVID-19 protocols with no live audience.

Riback and Schulman will be cheering on Interscope's 2021 nominees — who include Eilish, **Lady Gaga**, **DaBaby** (featuring **Roddy Ricch**), **Tame Impala** and **Jacob Collier** — from their family room. "We'll watch it with our kids," says Riback. "That may never happen again, so that may be a silver lining to be able to share that."

Their Spanish Colonial-style abode is one of 10 L.A. houses showcased in *DISC Interiors: Portraits of Home* (\$60, Rizzoli, out April 6), the first book from DISC Interiors founders **David John Dick** and **Krista Schrock**. Named one of L.A.'s top 20 interior design firms in 2019 by *THR*, DISC draws inspirations from the sun-drenched landscape of California, gravitating toward colors and textures inspired by the natural world. "You don't need a lot of color to be impactful," explains Dick. Says Schrock, "We're definitely on the other end of the spectrum than shiny and sleek, though it's fun to add elements of that." Their work, mingling tactile materials, luxe finishes and rich neutrals, is inviting and serene. "We're really interested in making comfortable spaces



that feel very contemporary and polished yet also have that wonderful dramatic moment without being over the top," says Dick. Other DISC clients have included Sundance Institute CEO **Keri Putnam** and *Stranger Things* co-creator **Ross Duffer**.

Riback and Schulman found the duo via Instagram, hiring them to transform their home in L.A.'s Mid-City from a flamboyant

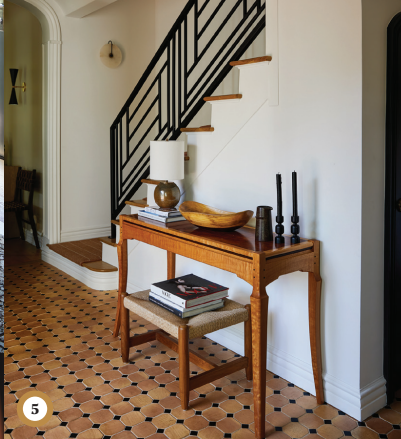


Hollywood Regency look (done by a previous owner) into something that offers a respite from the couple's busy work lives. "Home time is family time," says Schulman, "though there's always music." Adds Dick, "We wanted to create an earthy, family-centric, collected space that reflected their love of travel."

Completed in 2019, the renovation, however, didn't include any home office space. During the first weeks of working from home because of the pandemic, the couple shared the dining room. Eventually, Riback commandeered a den at the back of the house, where French doors open to the backyard.

"We've gotten closer as a family being here, so that says a lot about the home," says Schulman. "David and Krista were able to create this timeless space that's both kid-friendly and design-forward. We love it." **THR**





1 Living room furnishings include a custom sofa in coral Kravet velvet, a Charlotte Perriand Rio coffee table from Cassina, a Paul Marra chair and a vintage rug from Jamal Rugs. "It's sophisticated yet welcoming," says Schrock.  
 2 *DISC Interiors*, published by Rizzoli.  
 3 Gallery L7's NL3 light fixture (\$5,400, [gallery7inc.com](http://gallery7inc.com)) hangs over Martin & Brockett's Jenks dining table (\$4,200, [martinandbrockett.com](http://martinandbrockett.com)) with chairs from Big Daddy's Antiques.  
 4 The den includes a custom sectional with French mattress tufting, a Hollywood at Home San Remo wicker table (\$2,975 at [hollywoodathome.com](http://hollywoodathome.com)), a vintage Arne Norell chair from Sumner and a Moroccan rug from the couple's travels.  
 5 In the entry, a console from Pegaso and Hollywood at Home's Loma Ottoman (\$1,250) sit atop flooring by Country Floors.  
 6 Detail on a bronze side table from Paul Marra.  
 7 DISC's David John Dick and Krista Schrock.  
 8 The master bedroom, painted in Farrow & Ball's De Nimes blue, includes a custom bed and bench.



ON THE MARKET

Two-Kitchen Houses

On more than 50 percent of our projects, our clients are demanding two kitchens," says **Mauricio Oberfeld** of high-end SoCal builder Dugally Oberfeld of a trend that has taken off in recent years in L.A. Real estate agents say interest has increased during the pandemic as "people want more things under one roof," notes Compass agent **David Kelmenson**. In this typically \$10 million-plus market, one kitchen serves as a showpiece and family-friendly area, the other as prep kitchen.

**PACIFIC PALISADES** This 11,600-square-foot, seven-bedroom home includes a family kitchen — "your everyday place to make cereal or toast," says Kelmenson, the listing agent — and adjacent prep kitchen (lower photo, below). "It's the work-horse, if [the owners] are cooking Thanksgiving or they have a private chef or caterer come in."



**HOLLYWOOD HILLS** This 11,500-square-foot, six-bedroom contemporary in the Bird Streets has a lower-level prep kitchen (bottom photo) that connects to the "show kitchen with a dumbwaiter" on the floor above, says Oberfeld, the residence's builder. The listing is with **James Harris** of The Agency. Both kitchens feature Poliform designs. — DEGEN PENER

