

# Darlington: Restoration of a historic masterpiece outside of NYC

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(Photo: Evan Joseph Images)

Meticulously elevated to its former brilliance and updated for modern living, the estate is located in the luxury enclave of Mahwah, New Jersey.

Modeled directly after the historic Bramshill House in Hampshire, England, Darlington was constructed between 1902 and 1907 by the son of railroad magnate, Charles Crocker. The architect of the mansion was James Brite, of McKim, Mead and White, and also Brite and Bacon, the firm whose masters created the original Madison Square Garden, American University in Washington D.C., and the world-famous Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

During the last seven years, the mansion has been completely renovated and is being offered for \$48 million by Special Properties Real Estate Services with worldwide marketing from Christie's International Real Estate.



**The wine room at Crocker Mansion in Mahwah, New Jersey.** (Photo: Evan Joseph Images)



**The tea room at Crocker Mansion in Mahwah, New Jersey.** (Photo: Evan Joseph Images)



**The dining room at Crocker Mansion in Mahwah, New Jersey.** (Photo: Evan Joseph Images)



**The theater at Crocker Mansion in Mahwah, New Jersey.** (Photo: Evan Joseph Images)

The team put together for this unique project was assembled using companies and individuals from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Maryland, North Carolina, Florida, Illinois, Oklahoma, California, Brazil, Poland, Greece, and Italian wood carvers whose works include the Italian Parliament, as well as the Ritz Carlton and Waldorf Astoria in New York City. All mechanical systems were replaced, all bathrooms were rebuilt, and a new living area of 12,000 square feet was added, resulting in an approximately 50,000 square foot house set on 12.5 manicured acres.

"When Darlington was built between 1902 and 1907, hundreds of the best workers and best artisans from all over the world were involved. A hundred years later, history repeated itself during the recently completed seven-year renovation. Over 200 artisans, craftsmen, and other professionals addressed every room of Darlington. They spoke different languages, but shared the understanding that they are all part of the exciting process of reviving a masterpiece that will stand out for generations to come," said Ilija Pavlovic, Owner and CEO of Special Properties Real Estate Services.

"The renovation of Darlington seamlessly integrates two centuries by protecting and preserving the original architecture and precious finishes while adding the necessary amenities and technologies of a modern high-end home. A walk through Darlington confirms that the seven-year revival definitely exceeded all expectations in elevating this piece of architectural art to new brilliance," said Kathleen Coumou, Executive Director, Christie's International Real Estate.