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A HOME WITH SOUL

Richard Rabel Interiors + Art rejuvenated a beautiful Georgian Revival mansion outside of Dallas, Texas. The home was originally built in 1939, and its recent renovation offered Rabel an opportunity to synthesize traditional and modern elements to accommodate his client's incoming family of four.

"The clients wanted to maintain the soul of the original traditional home and at the same time inject it with modern elements," said Rabel. "The inspiration throughout was to pair the old with the new without it feeling like 'grandma lives there' - which meant their collection of antiques had to be curated to fit a modern lifestyle."

Rabel included his own selection of modern art to complement his client's antique collection, installed floor-to-ceiling windows and introduced more comfortable footpaths through corridors and stairs to accommodate an active family. Further, Rabel applied fresh new furniture where necessary to reflect the 21st century.

"Soft furnishings and art can warm up a space, so I replaced the client's mahogany, Sheraton-style dining chairs with a set of lovely Kravet mohair dining chairs that helped 'young-up' and relax an otherwise traditional dining room," said Rabel. "With some encouragement, we were able to move a bit further into time while still mixing my 'style' with theirs. At the end, I always design for the client - it's ultimately their home to enjoy."





About Richard Rabel

New York interior designer Richard Rabel is consistently asked by his clients for advice on art, design, and decoration. Under the aegis of Richard Rabel Interiors + Art, Rabel provides clients with livable, warm and unique interiors that reflect a 21st century lifestyle. His rich experience in fine and decorative art of all periods brings a distinct aesthetic to his rooms beyond the traditional interior design sensibility.

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