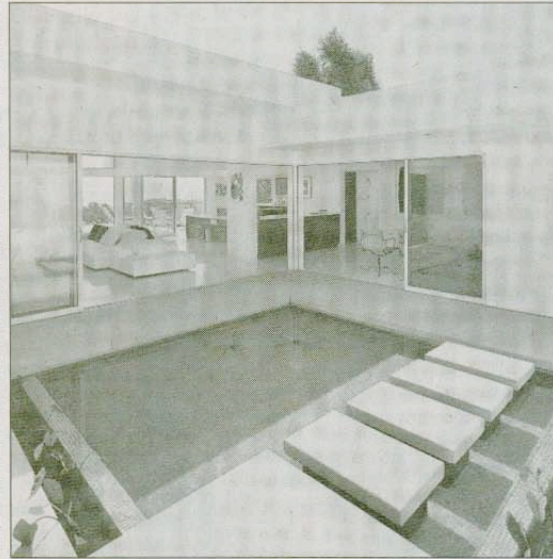


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**'SHREK' REBUILT IT:** Producer David Lipman overhauled the inside of this Merle Rousselot-designed house.

Matt Epstein of Re/Max on the Boulevard, Sherman Oaks.

### It was financed by a green ogre

David Lipman likes to call the Hollywood Hills residence he recently listed at \$2,195,000 "the house Shrek built."

The producer first saw the home at night and said he "was immediately drawn to the view of downtown L.A. sparkling through the hills. Then I turned back, studied the house and saw the incredible lines and was blown away."

When he bought the classic midcentury house in 2000 for \$678,000, it needed work. To counter years of neglect, he embarked on a complete overhaul of the home, which had been designed by architect Merle Rousselot and built in 1961.

"I re-engineered the house and removed many of the interior walls to focus on the view and the simplicity of the design," Lipman said. He opened it up to the outside by adding more windows and pocket doors.

The two-bedroom, two-bathroom home, with fireplaces in the living room and master bedroom, has a swimming

pool and sits on a hillside cul-de-sac.

"It's very private up here," he said. "You can't see any of the immediate neighbors. I feel like I'm a million miles away from everything, yet I'm 15 minutes away from most of the studios."

A courtyard entrance with a koi pond leads to 1,875 square feet of flexible living space that Lipman has used for large parties and intimate dinners.

"I feel like I'm on vacation here all the time," Lipman said.

But all vacations eventually must end.

"I'm selling because I've been living and working in London the last 3½ years and have decided to relocate there permanently," he said.

In addition to working as a producer on the "Shrek" movies (2001, 2003 and 2004), Lipman, 50, was supervising producer for "The Real Adventures of Jonny Quest" (1996-97).

The listing agent is Max Nelson of Deasy/Penner & Partners, Beverly Hills.

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