

CELEBRITY STYLE

Alicia Keys Buys Wallace E. Cunningham–Designed Razor House for \$20.8 Million

The cliffside modern mansion was the most expensive home sold in La Jolla, California, this year

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Architect Wallace E. Cunningham designed the ultramodern home. Photo: Gary Kasl

Over a year after a La Jolla, California, mansion dubbed the Razor House hit the market, the modern dwelling built by AD100 designer Wallace E. Cunningham has found a buyer. Alicia Keys recently dropped \$20.8 million on the 10,653-square-foot stunner, almost \$10 million less than the original asking price.

The incredible multilevel abode—which is often compared to Tony Stark's luxurious home in the *Iron Man* movies—is perched on the edge of a cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Nearly all of the walls of the residence are glass, providing sweeping views of the landscape from almost every room—and there's even a glass elevator. Inside are four bedrooms (including two master suites), a giant round living room with a fireplace, a fitness space, two steam rooms, a library, a den, a theater, and a kitchen outfitted with Gaggenau, Miele, and Hoshizaki appliances. The floors are mostly travertine stone, with walnut flooring in the library, where there is also a custom-made Ralph Lauren pool table. In the family room, there's a custom-made shagreen liquor cabinet and bar.



The home gets its name from its sharp angles and its location near Razor Point. Photo: Gary Kasl

Outside there are several lounge areas, including a rooftop entertaining spot featuring a kitchen. The infinity pool hovers just over the cliff, providing a one-of-a-kind swimming experience. There's also a cozy courtyard featuring a firepit, plus an additional 1,301-square-foot, two-bedroom guesthouse on the premises.



The structure is made of polished white concrete, steel, and glass. Photo: Gary Kasl

The previous owner, Donald Burns, revealed that he bought the home for about \$14.1 million in 2011, and finished constructing it. He told the [*Wall Street Journal*](#) that he was happy the new owner "appreciated the architecture," but didn't mention Keys by name.



Amazing views abound throughout the dwelling, even in the bathroom. Photo: Gary Kasl

Keys, who has been married to rapper and music producer Swizz Beatz since 2010 (they share two children), also owns a home in Arizona and one in New Jersey, which was on the market in 2015, though it is unclear whether it ever sold.

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