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WATERFRONT MODERN MASTERPIECE

Situated on the Intracoastal Waterway in Florida, this home melds contemporary art with the ocean in a fresh and modern way

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The Intracoastal Waterway runs down the Atlantic seaboard from Boston to the tip of Florida and around the Gulf of Mexico. Throughout this sinewy stretch, it shifts and meanders between ports, canals, bays, inlets, and rivers. Calmer than the mighty Atlantic Ocean, the Intracoastal Waterway features commercial, residential, and natural habitat areas where boats can navigate more easily and safely.

Delray Beach is a small coastal city in Palm Beach county that's about an hour north of Miami.

An eclectic array of art galleries populates The Pineapple Grove Arts District while the Cornell Arts Museum and the Japanese Gardens at the Morikami Museum round out the cultural offerings of the city. The surrounding wetlands feature abundant wildlife including alligators, birds, and turtles.

In this rich pocket of Florida where art and nature collide on the Intracoastal Waterway, sits a beautiful contemporary home featuring the best of both worlds.

Designed by William Peace of Peace Design in Atlanta, the home is at once serene and engaging. Peace has designed several homes for this client, and all relate to their respective geographical locations.

"The client had two requests for this home: that the color palette relate to the water and

that their contemporary art collection be incorporated."

To achieve those goals, Peace kept the interiors modern with clean sight lines and abundant light.

Blue is the common colour throughout the house, but it shifts from bold marine blues in the paintings in the foyer, to more sombre grey-blues in the living room, to pale blues in the master bedroom.

Additionally, Peace subtly shifts the blue textures throughout the house wherein the heavier mohair and velvet of the living room yield to lighter silk in the master bedroom.

An array of contemporary art, sculpture, and lighting are the other defining design elements of this home.

Large modern paintings meld with sculptural elements to create vignettes throughout the house. Paintings by both European and American artists reflect the international owners and command prominent placements throughout the home.

Sleek modern seating echoes the aesthetics of the paintings, and multiple living and dining areas provide opportunities to create focal points for the art.

Peace further enhanced the connection between the interiors and the water in his selection of lighting.

From the chrome chandelier in the foyer that





resembles a jellyfish, to the bold sea glass of the family room chandelier, to the sea urchin-like chandeliers in the master bedroom and powder room, there are elegant references to the natural world.

The kitchen and bathrooms are streamlined, yet luxurious in materials and fittings. White Carrera marble, glass, chrome, and stainless steel create a modern palette that's light and fresh, yet substantive.

The master bathroom features a freestanding tub and separate shower that combine to create a spa-like atmosphere – perfect for relaxing after a day in the sun.

Outdoor living is a tremendous part of the Floridian lifestyle, and this home has exquisite areas with commanding views.

A large pool is perfect for both family gatherings and outdoor entertaining.

With views of both passing boats and abundant wildlife, this home on the Intracoastal Waterway is truly a modern masterpiece.







About William Peace

Peace Design has been creating landmark residences for more than two decades. Founded by William Peace, the firm creates authentic environments that reflect the true lifestyle of each client. Every project is individual, yet each is filled with a mix of luxurious finishes and furnishings balanced with unique one-of-a-kind curated objects and art.

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