

'American Idol' creator Simon Fuller gets \$14.6 million for Beverly Hills compound



Simon Fuller, creator of "American Idol," has sold his home in Beverly Hills for \$14.6 million. (Nick Springett | Inset: Associated Press)

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Entrepreneur and television producer Simon Fuller, who launched an empire as the creator of "American Idol" and the "Idol" franchise, has sold his home in Beverly Hills for \$14.6 million.

The English traditional-style home, built in 1925 and updated during Fuller's ownership, showcases a subdued, contemporary style. Dark hardwood floors, layers of gray hues and modern fixtures are a common theme throughout the 8,000 square feet of interiors. A sculptural floating-spiral staircase connects each level of the three-story home.

Other features of note include a polished chef's kitchen with an oversized island, a glass-enclosed wine cellar, a fitness center and a screening room with a separate wet bar and lounge. There are five bedrooms and eight bathrooms as well as a detached guest house.

Outdoors, privacy hedges surround grounds designed by architectural firm Marmol Radziner. Two large terraces overlook a rectangular swimming pool.

Fuller paid \$8.5 million for the property in 2005, records show. He owns other property in Los Angeles County.

Trista Rullan, Drew Fenton and Linda May, all with Hilton & Hyland, an affiliate of Christie's International Real Estate, were the co-listing agents. Vangelis Korasidis of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage represented the buyer.

Fuller, 56, gained fame managing pop group the Spice Girls as well as such notables as Carrie Underwood and Kelly Clarkson. He created the music competition show "Pop Idol" in 2001 in the United Kingdom and turned it into an international enterprise with similar shows in more than 100 countries.

He also co-created the competition franchise "So You Think You Can Dance."

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