



521 Governor Nicholls Street, New Orleans

\$5,350,000



A superb fully restored early 1830's masonry mansion in a prime Lower French Quarter location



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Property Description and History

This early 1830's mansion has been lovingly restored to maintain its original character, providing a picture-perfect mix of historical charm and modern functionality.



The building has a unique and storied history, and is deeply connected to the birth of Rock 'n Roll. From 1956 to 1965, it was home to Cosimo studios, the legendary music recording studio of Cosimo Matassa.

Artists who recorded here include Fats Domino, Little Richard, Earl Palmer, Ernie K-Doe, Allen Toussaint, James Booker, Art Neville, Lee Dorsey, Sam Cooke, Ike and Tina Turner, Dr. John, Irma Thomas and a host of other innovators and pioneers of the *New Orleans Sound* that helped lay the foundation for modern popular music.

The property generated additional press in 2006 when it was purchased by Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie to serve as their local abode over a ten year span coinciding with their frequent visits to the city in connection with the charitable work of their Make it Right Foundation. Subsequently, the property was purchased by the late Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft, prior to its acquisition by the current ownership.

Property Details and Amenities

- ❖ Seven bedrooms
- ❖ Impressive baths (five full and two half)
- ❖ Appro. 7,703 SF of living area
- ❖ Large 36' X 160' lot
- ❖ Secure gated driveway for two cars
- ❖ Street balcony and balconies overlooking a huge landscaped private courtyard with pool
- ❖ A foodie's dream kitchen
- ❖ Interior elevator, home gym
- ❖ Separate two-story guest house
- ❖ Beautiful wood floors
- ❖ Venetian plaster walls
- ❖ Soaring ceilings
- ❖ Grand winding staircase
- ❖ Magnificent fireplaces with marble mantels
- ❖ Crown moldings
- ❖ French doors
- ❖ Superb location within walking distance to the finest French Quarter restaurants, shopping and music venues.

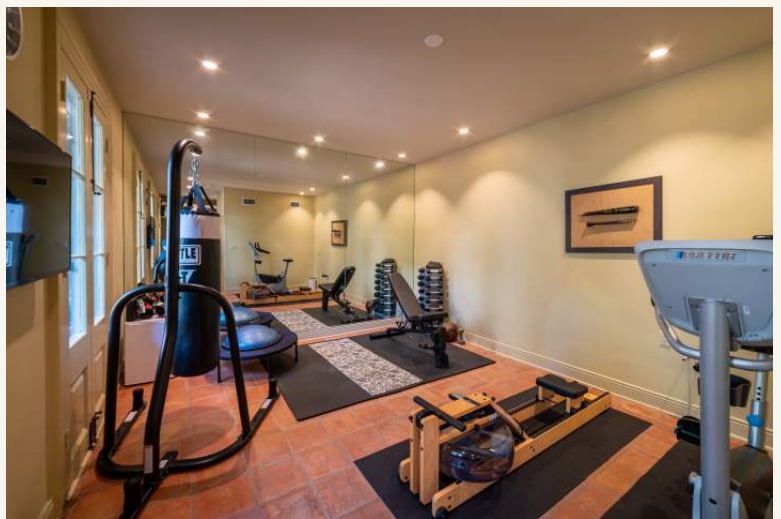


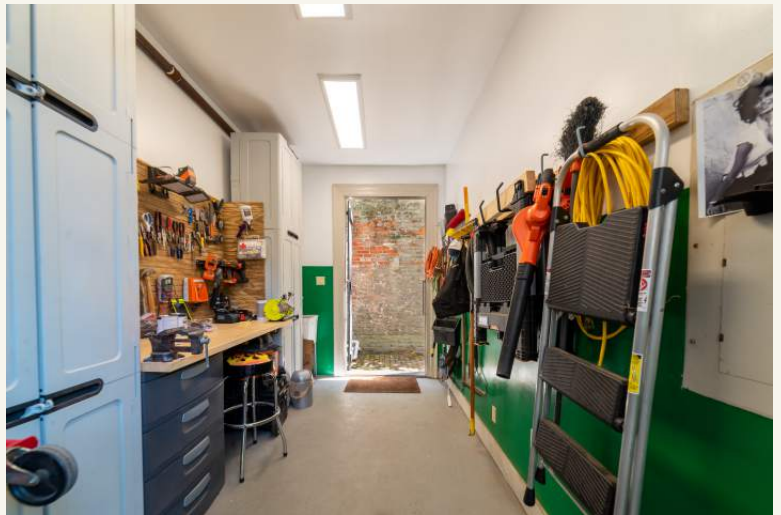
Fats Domino and Dave Bartholomew at the Cosimo Recording Studios, 1957 (Courtesy of the Historic New Orleans Collection).





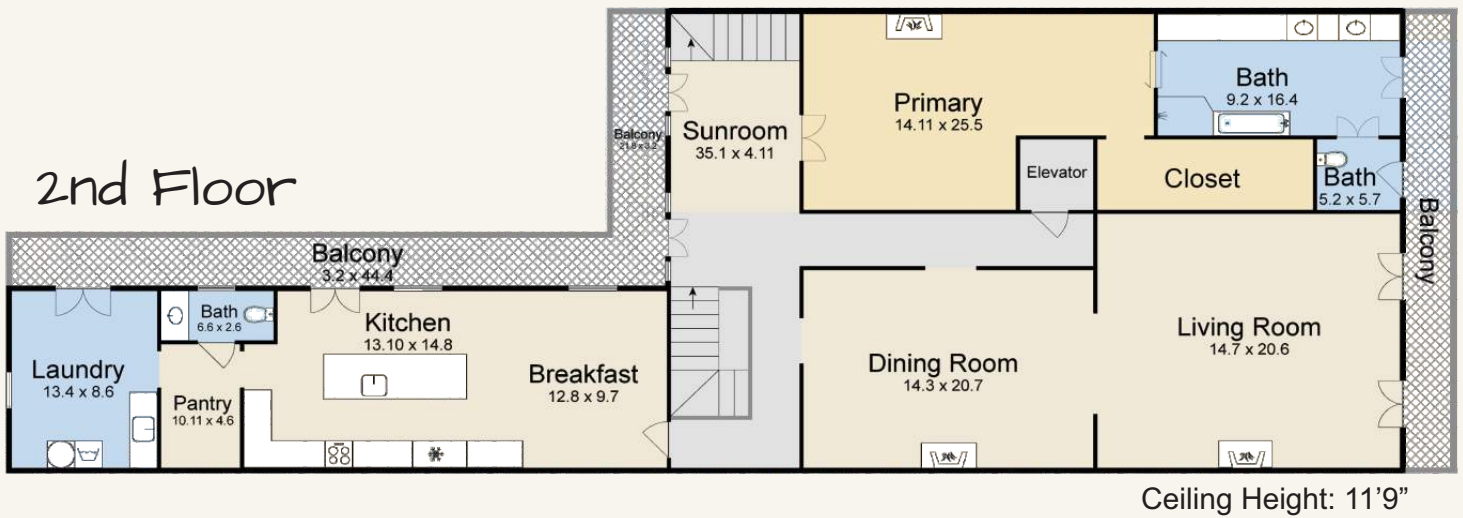
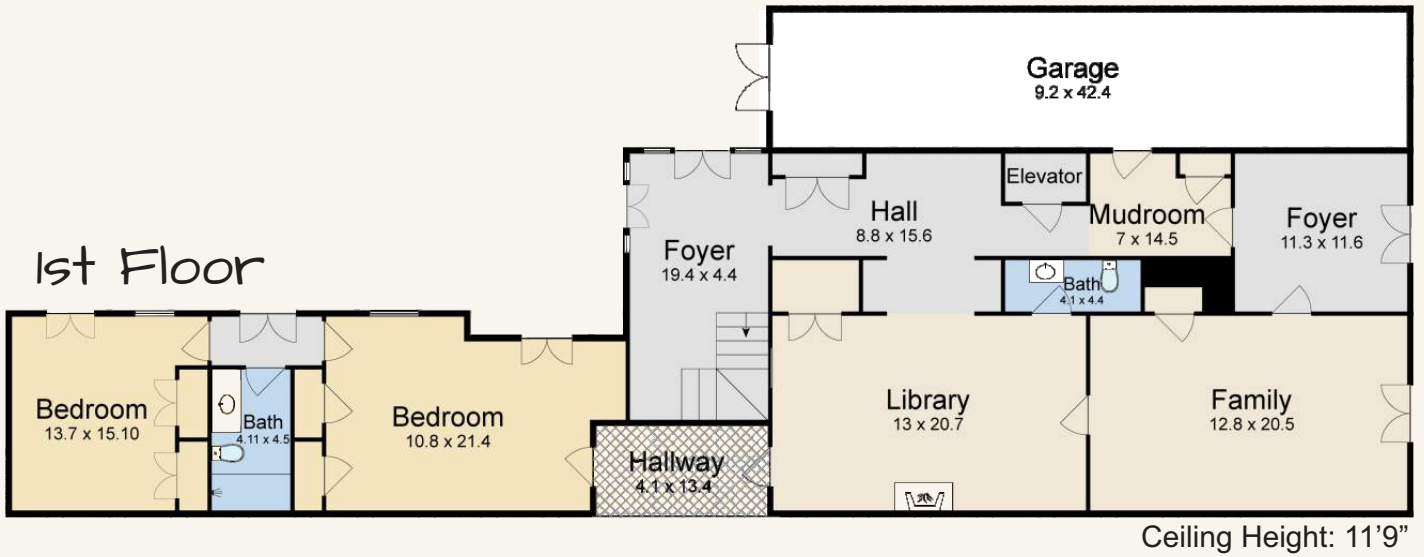






Floor Plans

Main House

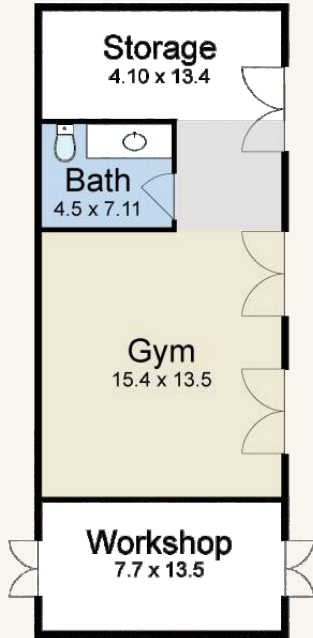


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Guest House

1st Floor



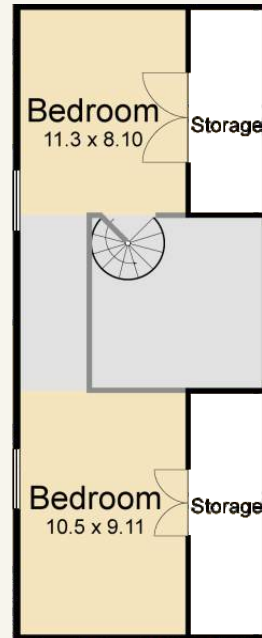
Ceiling Height: 9'4"

2nd Floor



Ceiling Height: 9'10"

3rd Floor



Ceiling Height: 10'10"

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