

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR 2017

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Come Let Us Adore Him
Kevin and Lori Manthei
 27415 Triumph Avenue, Canyon Country
Designer: Lori Manthei, Interior Designer
Coordinators: Ada Blumstein, Julie Shelton & Lynn Yale



The Manthei family of five relocated to the idyllic equestrian ranch-style living of Sand Canyon five years ago after twenty years of living in the busy city of coastal Santa Monica, and haven't looked back since!

The Manthei residence is a homestead consisting of a 5400 sq ft main house, a 2400 sq ft music studio (which includes a one bedroom, one bath guest house, as well as a four stall animal barn, a large pool, and a 200 year old oak tree centered on a spacious green lawn, all on 2.3 flat acres. They are the third owners of the home constructed by a builder for himself in 1989. Kevin and Lori are down-to-earth professionals living and working together day-to-day with their three children: two daughters who are 15 and 18, and a 9 year old son. With Kevin being a TV and film composer working in his newly built music studio on site, and Lori homeschooling their three kids full time, they are working, learning, and playing together 24/7. Home is important and the necessity for spaces that suit their individual and collective needs is evident in the functionality of their home and outbuildings.

The simplicity and charm you experience is no accident. With rustic details, casual comfort, and farm-inspired décor, Kevin and Lori and her daughters are working to upgrade one room at a time. Adding collected antique finds blended with modern textures in unexpected places, their style is uniquely approachable. Christmas is an especially jubilant time of celebration for the family as they consider themselves faithful Christians. Transforming their home into an oasis of Christmas wonder is a highlight of their year. As you notice the nuance of natural and woodland Christmas décor traveling through each room, you feel a sense of unpretentious holiday spirit with a blend of color and sparkle. After only five years at the

Canyon Country property, the Manthei's have cleared the land, introduced numerous farm animals, and constructed their lifelong dream of a guest house and music studio. In process is the home exterior and landscaping.

Entering the studio building clad in sheet metal and ranch style barn doors, one finds themselves transported to modern simplicity with a masculine touch of industrial chic. The recent renovation of the former RV barn includes Kevin's personal music writing room with triple sound walls covered in acoustic fabric, temperature controlled equipment room, isolation rooms, and client lounge. The family theatre room doubles as a scoring stage for recording up to fifteen musicians viewable through a ten foot window. Kevin is a twice-nominated composer scoring film, TV and games for over twenty-five years working in all genres. He is a prolific composer with over 150 credits, including 500+ episodes aired on TV. He is thrilled to be working in animation, which his children can watch and enjoy with him.

Kevin and Lori teamed up to design the studio for long-term expansion and personal use. The guest house was constructed with Kevin and Lori's retired parents in mind, as they are now able to enjoy extended stays from their homes in Minnesota, where Kevin and Lori grew up and were married. The modern rustic appeal of the guest house extends from the theater room. The quaint living space is merged with the kitchen and leads out to a private backyard for overnight or long-term guests to enjoy.

Animals have been a passion for the Manthei children, which was part of the family's draw to the country. Natural and organic practices abound in their iconic red barn full of chickens, goats, horses, cats and one spoiled dog, as well as a vegetable garden that springs up every year. Whether it's the daily collecting of fresh eggs, enjoying a trail ride on horseback in the hills, or reading on the front porch with cats on their laps, the kids find blessing in the expansive surroundings.

As a family of deep Protestant faith, the Manthei's especially adore the Christmas season. The visual landscape, beautiful and comfortable spaces, and musical endeavors are a large part of thriving in their peaceful location; but more so, pursuing wisdom as the centrality of their home. Signage throughout the home leads you through the biblical timeline of the birth of Jesus. A Jesse tree labels the prophetic events of the advent foretold in the main living room. Scripture and religious elements are apparent reminders of their faith. All the senses are piqued. On most days you will hear music emanating from the music practice room off the entryway from their three children who each play multiple instruments. Whether it's scented candles emitting the anticipation of Christmas, lively conversation and the children's laughter while studying around the breakfast table, or neighbors wandering in with need of a gentle embrace or encouragement, the Manthei family exudes the joy of the season! We find you'll enjoy meandering through the comfortable, well-lived-in rooms where they entertain, grow, and spend countless hours creating memories with family and friends. As the sign by the front door says, "Welcome!! We invite you to "Come Let Us Adore Him!"

The Manthei Home

Designer: Lori Manthei, Interior Designer

Lori Manthei, the homeowner and designer, has always had an eye for interior design and has a unique ability to make spaces inviting and relevant. After receiving a degree in architectural drafting, working with an interior designer and acting as her husband's agent and business manager, she took time to focus on her children, dedicating herself to homeschooling them. With one off to college, her time to pursue her gift has become readily available. While raising her family, she put her skills to practice in her own homes over the years, as well as helping friends and family imagine comfortable spaces for their families as well. Having lived in a variety of homes, Lori has had ample experience "Making a House a Home" worthy of any guest. Additionally, she has remodeled and redesigned over a dozen children's themed classrooms and meeting spaces in churches on the Westside and in Santa Clarita. Designing her husband's studio and their guest house has been a personal achievement and lifelong dream come true. The Manthei's next major project will be remodeling their bathrooms and kitchen in the main house. Through the decades Lori has transformed and repurposed outdated or inadequately used spaces into beautiful recreations that delight the ages as well as the senses.



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