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Mid-century modern comes to mind

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Asad Mecci is a master hypnotist (www.entrancingentertainment.com) who has travelled the world giving audiences an unforgettable experience.

A native of Sudbury, Ont., Mecci describes his childhood as being "so much fun." Swimming and boating with friends on the weekends are some of his fondest memories and he also enjoyed public speaking, theatre and studying martial arts.

He credits his father for passing on his "epic public speaking" skills. His older sister was his role model.

Mecci's interest in hypno-

tism was peaked when a good friend's sunburn was cured by a dentist friend who used hypnosis in his practice for painless dentistry.

Through his friendship with former Olympian and world-renowned coach Brian Orser, he started working with athletes to build their mental strength.

Mecci is currently touring the world in a two-man show called HYPROV (improvisation under hypnosis) with the multi-talented performer Colin Mochrie.

"Colin is amazing. It is phenomenal to watch a comedic genius up close. I'm learning a lot from him."

Mecci feels that "being on stage and being in the epi-

center of laughter is incredible! It's like a cushion of laughter that tickles your soul."

He will be appearing in *Just for Laughs* in London from July 14-24 and in Montreal on July 30, and at the Edinburgh Festival from August 3-28.

Mecci invited *Celebrity Spaces* into his home.

Q: How would you describe your home in one word?

A: Stylish.

Q: Tell us about your home.

A: It is a 900 sq. ft. loft located in the Church and Yonge corridor. I have lived here for 12 years.

Q: What attracted you to this space?

A: Location and the character that comes from a true hard loft (formerly a vintage warehouse).

Q: Who shares this home?

A: I live alone.

Q: How much time do you spend at home?

A: I'm always on tour. I'm leaving for the summer to perform at *Just for Laughs* UK (July 14-24) and the Edinburgh Festival (Aug. 3-28).

Q: What is your favourite room and why?

A: I love the living room/library. I try to read a book a week so I get to cozy up to the fireplace and read.

Q: How would you describe your decorating style?



Master hypnotist Asad Mecci drew his decorating inspiration from the TV series *Mad Men*.

A: Melissa Davis from *Income Property* created my space. Melissa Davis' comments on designing Mecci's space. "Asad very much wanted to create the kind of clean, uncluttered elegance you would find in better hotels. He also had me watch a few episodes of *Mad Men* and another HBO series *Masters of Sex*. Both shows are dripping with mid-century modern, distinctly masculine style. We started by stripping out all of the tell-tale loft materials of decades past, like the maple flooring, cherry cabinets and smoked-glass dividers. We added a dark wood laminate floor and a new palette of rich, deep wood and shades of grey and warm white."

Q: What is your fondest memory in this home?

A: The first dinner party after my renovation I had a few close friends over and was able to enjoy the space.

Q: What's the one item in this house you can't live without?

A: I can live without any of it because I spend most of my time living out of a suitcase. I'm not attached to worldly possessions. My friends call me a gypsy.

Q: Weekends at home, what are we most likely to find you doing?

A: Reading and catching up on sleep.

Q: If your walls could talk, what would they say?

A: 'He likes to dance in front of the mirror alone.'

