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TV Land

Nearly every room of this Long Island home includes one of two-dozen plasma and LCD screens. *photography by Phillip Ennis*

For a family of self-proclaimed “TV freaks,” every day at home on the north shore of Long Island is paradise. A drool-inducing 24 LCD and plasma screens hang from walls throughout the roughly 17,500-square-foot residence. Mom, Dad and two teenage children can turn on a flat-panel TV and access whole-home audio and video in virtually every room.

This paradise will be even sweeter when the dedicated home theater is completed. Until

then, the family will have to settle for its high-definition TV lineup that ranges from the 20-inch Sharp LCD in the laundry room to the 46-inch SunBrite weatherproof LCDs in the loggia and master bedroom balcony to the 63-inch Fujitsu plasmas in the family room and the billiards room (and actually, there are more 20-inch Sharps in there, but we’ll get back to that). “From our initial meetings with the homeowners, the discussion was always, ‘We



A mammoth fish tank serves as the barrier between the billiards room and the family room (previous pages) in this Long Island residence where TVs rule the roost. In the family room, a 63-inch Fujitsu plasma display rises from a lift mechanism in front of the tank for TV and movie viewing. A Triad speakers and Rel subwoofer surround-sound system delivers the family room audio, and the A/V is conveniently controlled from a Crestron 8-inch wireless tablet. Behind the fish tank, in the billiards room, anyone playing pool or sitting at the bar might feel like they are in an actual tavern as they absorb video on any of the four Sharp 20-inch LCDs.

The homeowners can soak in more high-def TV in their master suite (above and left), as Fujitsu plasmas are presented with a clean flush-mounted appearance provided by the electronics installation firm Audio Command Systems. A B&W surround-sound system, with a Rel subwoofer, floods the bedroom with great audio to accompany the 63-inch plasma's images. In the bathroom, a 42-inch plasma is easily viewable atop the entrance, and easily controllable with a Crestron 8-inch touch-panel. Two more B&W speakers are mounted into the wall on either side of the TV. Another Fujitsu plasma adorns the custom cabinetry surrounding the fireplace in the living room (opposite page), whose chandelier, as well as all of the home's lighting, is commanded by the Crestron automation system.



EQUIPMENT LIST

OPEN AREA

Crestron TPMC8X 8-inch wireless touchpanel
B&W CCM80 in-ceiling speakers (4)
Fujitsu P55XTA51US 55-inch plasma TV

KITCHEN

Crestron TPS-4000LW 10.4-inch touchpanel
Crestron TPMC8X 8-inch wireless touchpanel
Fujitsu P42XTA51US 42-inch plasma TV
B&W CCM65 in-ceiling speakers (4)

DINING ROOM

Crestron TPS-2000L 5-inch touchpanel
B&W CCM65 in-ceiling speakers (4)

FOYER

Crestron TPS-4000LW 10.4-inch touchpanel
B&W CCM65 in-ceiling speakers (4)

LIVING ROOM

Crestron TPMC8X 8-inch wireless touchpanel
Fujitsu P50XTA51US 50-inch plasma TV
B&W CCM65 in-ceiling speakers (2)

OFFICE

Crestron TPMC8X 8-inch wireless touchpanel
Fujitsu P55XTA51US 55-inch plasma TV
B&W CCM65 in-ceiling speakers (4)
Crestron CEN-IDOC iPod dock

GUEST ROOM

Crestron TPMC8X 8-inch wireless touchpanel
Fujitsu P42XTA51US 42-inch plasma TV
B&W CCM65 in-ceiling speakers (2)

PLAYROOM

Crestron TPMC8X 8-inch wireless touchpanel
Sony KDL-52XBR4 52-inch LCD Bravia XBR HDTV
Onkyo DPS-5.5 DVD/CD/VCD player
Onkyo DTR-5.8 A/V receiver
B&W CCM65 in-ceiling speakers (7)
B&W ASW610B 10-inch subwoofer
Audio Control BVD-10 balanced video/audio driver
Audio Control BVR-10 balanced video/audio receiver
Crestron CEN-IDOC iPod dock

BILLIARDS ROOM

Crestron TPS-2000L 5-inch touchpanel
Crestron TPMC8X 8-inch wireless touchpanel
Sharp LC-20S7U 20-inch Aquos LCDs (4)
Fujitsu P63XTA51US 63-inch plasma TV
B&W CCM80 in-ceiling speakers (4)

LOGGIA

Crestron TPS-2000L 5-inch touchpanel
Crestron TPMC8X 8-inch wireless touchpanel
SunBrite SB-4600HD 46-inch all-weather LCD
Sonance SYMPH EXT XTR in-wall speakers (4)

FAMILY ROOM

Crestron TPMC8X 8-inch wireless touchpanel
Fujitsu P63XTA51US 63-inch plasma TV
Electro-Kinetics TVL-001 lift mechanism
Onkyo DTR-7.8 A/V receiver
Triad InCeiling Silver LCR speakers (3)
Triad InWall Silver rear surrounds (2)
REL R-305 subwoofer



love TVs, we want a lot of TVs in the house,” says Billy Cestaro, project manager for professional electronics installer Audio Command Systems of Westbury, NY.

However, with a contemporary style to the home's interior, they also wanted clean, uncluttered electronics. The solution was straightforward: All of the source electronics and automation systems would be housed in a master control room, and the rest of the rooms would be left, mainly, with a flat-panel

TV, in-wall or in-ceiling speakers, and a wall-mounted or handheld Crestron touchpanel.

Most of the TVs are silver-bezel Fujitsu plasmas that add to the contemporary flair. Notable exceptions are the outdoor spaces that house the SunBrite models, plus the son's bedroom and kids' playroom, where Sony Bravia XBR series LCDs handle fast-motion video gaming. Whole-house video is stored on a Kaleidescape server and distributed, along with other high-def content from cable or

satellite DVRs, to the TVs via the Crestron control system. “Each member of the family has his own Kaleidescape player, his own cable box and his own satellite receiver and can access them from any room in the house with a touchscreen. It says ‘So-and-so’s’ cable box’ and they simply press that,” Cestaro says. “The kids are absolutely crazy about all that stuff. They think it’s like Disneyland.”

The billiards room earns the nod as the space with the most TVs. A 63-inch Fujitsu plasma can be viewed on one side, while four 20-inch Sharp LCDs cover the bar area on the other side. It's ideal for these sports fans when they want to take advantage of the cable or satellite's NBA and NFL packages, for example. If something exciting is taking place on one of the smaller displays, it can be easily swapped onto the large screen.

Two-channel sound suffices in the majority of the 35 audio zones, served predominantly by B&W speakers. The family room, though, will remain the primary entertainment space until the home theater becomes a real-

ity. Triad Silver speakers and a REL subwoofer take care of the 5.1 surround sound for the 63-inch plasma, which has its own special wrinkle: The TV rises from a lift mechanism in front of a giant fish tank that separates the family room from the billiards room.

As much as the family loves to watch what's on the TVs indoors, they see plenty of the outdoors, too. The home sits on a bluff overlooking the Long Island Sound, and its architecture emphasizes the vistas. A Lutron Sivoia system provides motorized shading for 90 windows in the house, frequently working in tandem with a Crestron lighting system that covers about 145 zones that the family can command with the touchpanels.

“We created nice mood lighting for [Dad], with chandeliers and sconces dimly lit to 25 percent, which is a big plus for him when he comes home from work and wants to unwind,” Cestaro says. “He'll turn on XM Radio, hang out in the family room and read a book. He says it's bliss.” Yes, there's even room for books in this TV paradise. —AS EH



EQUIPMENT CONT.

MASTER BEDROOM

Crestron TPMC8X 8-inch wireless touchpanel
Fujitsu P63XTA51US 63-inch plasma TV
Onkyo DTR-5.8 A/V receiver
Onkyo DPS-5.5 DVD/CD/VCD player
B&W CWM800 in-wall speakers (4)
B&W CWM Cinema speaker
REL R-305 subwoofer
Audio Control BVD-10 balanced video/audio driver
Audio Control BVR-10 balanced video/audio receiver

MASTER BATHROOM

Crestron TPMC8X 8-inch wireless touchpanel
Crestron WPR-48 waterproof RF remote
Fujitsu P42XTA51US 42-inch plasma
B&W CWM650 in-wall speakers (2)
Sonance SYMPH EXT XSSTR in-wall outdoor speaker
Boston Acoustics DSI455T2 speaker

WHOLE-HOME

Crestron HVAC system
Crestron temperature sensors
Crestron lighting
Lutron Sivoia motorized shades
Audio ReQuest F5.400 music server
Kaleidescape System 300 movie server
Cisco networking
Chief and Peerless TV mounts
Middle Atlantic equipment rack system

A 42-inch Fujitsu plasma in the kitchen makes any mealtimes more fun, and if after dinner the family wants to finish watching a program they started in the kitchen (opposite page) they can head to the billiards room, press a button on the Crestron touchpanel and power up the 63-inch plasma decorating the stone fireplace.