

Historic Wicker Park 2-Flat Conversion and Modern Addition

Winner (Citation of Merit)

Additions/Remodeling

The owners of this 1880s Italianate home wanted to add a contemporary living space to their historic home. The design direction was to create a modern interpretation of the English orangery, a glass structure used as a conservatory, which references the owner's time spent in England. The program called for a great room, limestone patio, rooftop deck, and the integration of interior and exterior spaces.

The resulting addition is a two-story steel and glass volume attached to the rear of the home with an operable 17ft glass hangar door. This bi-folding door completely integrates the interior to the landscaped yard beyond, and when open, provides protection from rainfall. The addition's stained concrete floor blends with the exterior limestone, easing the transition to the exterior space.

A hanging FireOrb heats the space and can be rotated to face the patio, also functioning as an outdoor fireplace.

The interior steel staircase and catwalk connect to an exterior spiral staircase, leading to an intimate roof deck with a built-in hot tub, lounge area protected by native grasses, and room for their vegetable garden.

Green design elements include LED lighting, rainwater collection, drought-tolerant plantings, high-efficiency mechanicals, and infrastructure for future solar and geothermal

Architect

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Client

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Location

CHICAGO, IL



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