



Garage Turned into Award-Winning Home Theater

Jarey Schlabach's client had a vision for his two-car garage that didn't include two cars. With Control4 all things are possible, allowing Schlabach Security and Sound to create an entertainment wonderland that will be the site of many future Super Bowl parties. To avoid disturbing family in other parts of the house, the garage space was split to accommodate a utility section and short hallway between the main house and the theater room. Movie signage and attractive lighting adds a nice touch to the overall feel of the room without detracting from its main purpose to entertain.

The room design also features a niche where the equipment stays readily available, but doesn't detract from the overall look of the theater. Digital media is also easy to access with the included Control4 dock for iPod set up in a separate wall niche. Besides offering nine theater seats, guests can also pull up a stool at the attractive countertop.



Seats at the 50-Yard Line

The 106" screen holds sway as the centerpiece of the room and puts viewers in the middle of the action. Managed by the Control4 system, everything from lighting to video can be handled through Control4's universal remote. The addition of two keypads at convenient locations makes light management flexible while custom programming tells the lights to dim when the show begins. Integrating five acoustic panels to absorb sound to create a room within a room, Schlabach ensures that little sound leaks out to the rest of the home, an issue given that bedrooms are still located above the space.

A Fine-Tuned Experience

The view may be great from one of the nine theater seats, but if you can't hear clearly, the experience is far from perfect. To ensure a total viewing experience Schlabach's audio technician fine-tuned the Denon Audio Video receiver, going

a step beyond the audio auto-calibration feature. With nine speakers and a sub woofer in the room, the technician had the homeowner sit in multiple locations to make the minor adjustments that met his personal preferences. The end result? The client said, "The experience of the picture resolution and surround sound all seems so surreal. You forget that you are still at home until you start to walk out of the theater."

Award-Winning Results

Schlabach Security and Sound did more than make the client happy—they also won industry recognition for its two-car garage transformation. At the 2009 CEDIA Electronic Lifestyles® Awards, which are considered the most prestigious in the industry, Schlabach was awarded First Place, or Gold, for Best Technical Design, Large Home Theater, Level I (which is for projects up to \$74,000.) Competition was between Custom Electronic Design Industry Association (CEDIA) members worldwide. There were winners from the USA, Canada and Mexico this year.