



LIVABLE ART

A rare and modern home designed by acclaimed Chinese artist Ai Weiwei and the only one of its kind in the country, recently hit the market in Taghkanic, New York.

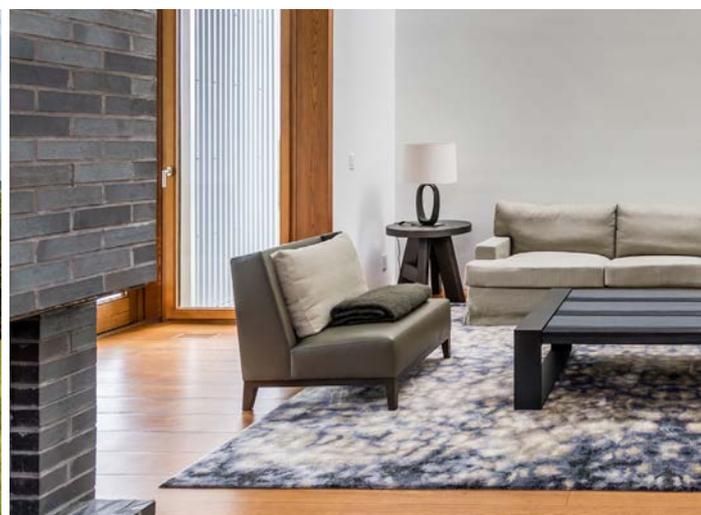
LUXURY FIRM Klemm Real Estate has listed the only house in the United States designed by provocative Chinese artist Ai Weiwei. This modernist home designed in collaboration with Swiss firm HFF Architects and completed in 2006 has an asking price of \$5,250,000.

The property—which is located in peaceful and bucolic area of Taghkanic, New York, less than two hours north of Manhattan—consists of more than 37 Western-facing acres with major views and total privacy, and serves as the perfect country escape from the city or full-time residence. The striking three-bedroom, three-bath house is four connected modules

clad with corrugated metal on the exterior with soft gypsum wood panels on the interior. The metallic design is inspired by the agricultural sheds commonly seen on farms in the area. The home features three fireplaces, a Boffi kitchen, and a generator.

Along with the 3,500 square-foot main house, Weiwei & HFF were also commissioned to design a unique Y-shaped guest house, which includes two bedrooms as well as a studio and gallery space. The gated property also boasts a heated lap pool sensitively placed amidst the pasture.

“Rarely does such an extraordinary modern home come to the market.



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This spread, clockwise from top left: The artistic Ai Weiwei–designed home at 708 New Forge Hollow in Taghkanic, New York; a view of the home’s bucolic surroundings; the dining room; the master bathroom; the property’s Y-shaped guest house; the living room; the heated swimming pool; the kitchen; the master bedroom.

This is truly one-of-a-kind. This is livable art,” exclaimed Graham Klemm, president of the firm and listing broker of the property.

Ai Weiwei is a world famous contemporary artist, activist, blogger, poet, film-maker, and provocateur. Best known for large art installations globally; director of the acclaimed film “Human Flow;” as well as his collaboration with architects Herzog & de Meuron on the 2008 Summer Olympics Beijing National Stadium, “The Bird’s Nest.” It comes as no surprise that one of Ai Weiwei’s rare home fell into the hands of Klemm Real Estate.

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and adjacent areas in New York—has been known for maintaining a reputation of superb personal service to clients since its establishment, and the relationship extends well beyond the closing date. Founder Carolyn Klemm and her two sons, Peter and Graham, entertain existing clients extensively. Their homes in Litchfield County, Palm Beach, and New York are the scene of countless social events that continuously bring new buyers and sellers into their fold—building relationships necessary to serve their clients to the best of their ability. ♦

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