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Stenella Antiques & Interiors is Ready for Its Close-up

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"Shop where the designers shop" is the official tagline of Stenella Antiques & Interiors. It's also quite accurate. Interior designers regularly pore through the offerings of Stenella's two 26,000-square-foot showrooms—one in Lansdale, the other in Perkasie—in search of the perfect accent piece to complete a client project.

Yet interior designers and creative specialists aren't the only high-profile professionals who shop at—or rent from—Stenella's. The visual entertainment industry also relies on Stenella's to add character, style, and authenticity to its "scene elements." Set designers, production teams, and prop masters, among others in the entertainment industry, consider Stenella's the trusted source when in need of high-quality furniture and décor for their TV, film, and stage productions. The company's centralized location in southeast Pennsylvania makes it especially appealing, considering the fact that many productions are filmed in either New Jersey or New York.

Whether a production revolves around a historical drama, an elaborate Broadway show, or a contemporary thriller, Stenella Antiques & Interiors strives to match each client's creative needs and budget. Many of the productions airing on Amazon, HBO Max, and Netflix, as well as the broadcast networks—from *The Agency* to *Boardwalk Empire*, *House*

of Cards to Madam Secretary, *Dexter: Resurrection* to *Only Murders in the Building*—have featured items either purchased or rented from Stenella's.

"We tend to do a lot of political drama-type productions where they're going for a specific look or period," says Jim Stenella, President of Stenella Antiques & Interiors. "We've worked with production companies on projects of all different scales. For some, it's 10 or 15 pieces, and for others it's been hundreds of items. No matter what they need, they find it here."

In addition, Stenella Antiques & Interiors works with schools for their stage productions, as well as bed and breakfasts, hotels, and restaurants. It has even sourced items for the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.

"We're the place where the professionals go," Stenella adds. "That's why our tagline is 'Shop where the designers shop.' Our showrooms are where designers and members of many other professional trades shop. We have a huge variety of products, with an assortment of choices and selections. If you need a specific look, color, or finish, we have a dozen options for you. You would have to run all over the place to find what we have here. We're a real one-stop shop."

Stenella Antiques & Interiors not only is a destination to buy or rent quality fur-



niture and décor, but also actively purchases and consigns well-cared-for used furniture, from single pieces to entire estates.

For any homeowners who are looking to add timeless character and style to their homes, Stenella Antiques & Interiors welcomes them to visit either location for an in-person look at all their options. That said, he suggests many homeowners find it especially helpful to spend some time on the company's website, www.StenellaAntiques.com, to peruse the entire inventory from the comfort of their home or office. Even if they do their homework before stopping by a physical location, Stenella

says the sheer size and scope of the company's inventory is likely to leave homeowners "wowed" as they make their way through a showroom.

What they'll find when they get there: an exhaustive inventory of fine, handcrafted furniture from American and international manufacturers. The showroom specializes in exquisitely made furniture in the 18th century traditional styles through midcentury and modern design. Key American brands include Baker, Council, Friedman Brothers, Henkel Harris, Henredon, Karges, Kindel, Kittinger, Stickley, and many, many more.

For those who need some guidance in their choices, the Lansdale location has an irreplaceable resource in Manager Charles Dobbs. An in-house designer who has a discerning eye and more than 25 years of industry experience, Dobbs enjoys helping homeowners to find the perfect piece—or, more often than not, pieces—of high-quality, American-made furniture to their home. Stenella Antiques & Interiors provides other invaluable services, including custom upholstery and custom painting or gilding, to ensure a seamless experience for clients.

"I can't think of anyone else in this area who has the scale of selection and quality that we have," Stenella says. "While some places might have two or three or five options, we have hundreds of sets—all price points, styles, ages, qualities—so you can have your choice. Whether you're a homeowner, a designer, or a decorator, you'll find what you're looking for here." ■



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