

## Guest Column

The Sound Guys: Unique home gets a makeover



**A**fter 15 years, the owners of this eclectic home in a busy suburb of upstate NY decided to take on a large remodeling project. According to the homeowner, they always wanted the ability to listen to music and watch video throughout their home — inside and out — so this was the opportunity to make that happen.



*The home owners can enjoy music and movies throughout their home.*

Recommended to the family by several of their friends, they called on Steve Janczak of The Sound Guys. Janczak spoke to the family to discuss their needs. With five bedrooms, and numerous areas inside and outside the home, it was decided that a Russound Audio-Video system was the way to go.

The entire low-voltage system, including video, telephone, and security was designed by Jeff Bradford of the Sound Guys. The 15 zones in the home included areas such as the garage, boat house, deck and various rooms throughout the home. The Sound Guys installed two CAV6.6 controllers, three A-BUS sub-zones, an ST2 Smart Tuner, Advantage Hi-Fi Series and OutBack Multipurpose speakers and 13 UNO-S2 Keypads.

In an installation this large, sometimes things don't always go as planned. When a nail damaged the pulled

CAT-5 wires to the patio, Bradford had to think quickly on his feet. The versatility of Russound components made the solution to the problem easy. Instead of splitting the zone between the patio and deck, he switched a different room to A-BUS and gave the deck and patio their own zones.

Although it is only 200 feet from the home, fishing the wires to the boat house and dock turned out to be an interesting exercise in aquatics. "We pulled wires from the home to the boat house with relative ease; however, the company that installed the conduit for both line and low voltage cabling forgot to put a cover on. The fish tape ended up in the water. Luckily it was a warm day and the water wasn't too cold," laughed Janczak.

The homeowners love their Russound system: "Steve and Jeff did a great job. They easily met the challenges our home presented. The system works

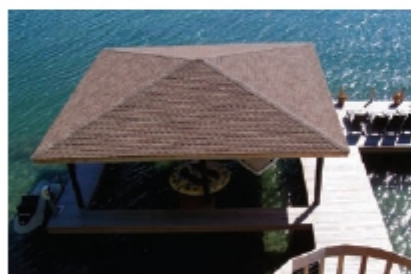
without a flaw. I love the fact that it's so simple to understand and operate. My kids love the fact that they can pipe movies throughout the house and watch their favorite shows in surround sound." ■

#### About the Sound Guys

*Specializing in low-voltage systems, The Sound Guys' Steve Janczak and Jeff Bradford began their careers working together at a security installation company. Their love for audio and video installations brought them together to form The Sound Guys. Designed to create convenience, entertainment and security for any size home, they make sure each system meets the homeowners' needs. The Sound Guys business continues to grow with each referral and has been featured in "House Beautiful" magazine.*

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*The dock proved to be an interesting part of the installation.*



*Top: The Sound Guys outfitted the home's boat house with UNO keypad, OusBack™ and Advantage Hi-Fi speakers.*

*Middle: The kitchen utilizes video and audio distribution.*

*Below: Eccentric furniture and decor are the focus of their home. A Russound multiroom system adds to the fun.*



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