

The Borax Smith Old Red House



ADDRESS | 817 E 24th St.
CITY | Oakland
LOCALE | Ivy Hill/Bella Vista
TYPE | Triplex
PRICE | \$799,000

DETAILS | Borax Smith's famous Old Red House! Designated a City landmark, this Italianate Victorian mansion is special. Built c.1883 about a block north of its present site and moved to 8th Avenue and East 24th Street when Smith built his Arbor Villa on the first site in 1893. Around 1930 it was rotated and moved to face East 24th Street. Who would have thought such a big house could be so light on its feet?

Brought back from the brink by a young writer in 1999, the neglected estate finally got what it deserved — a thoughtful renovation that saved the remaining architectural details (baseboards and picture rails, balusters, and inlaid wood floors like you've never seen) and opened up the house for modern living. Long views across soaring interiors. Exposed brick chimneys define the space with style. Impossibly high ceilings. Grand rear decks that overlook the green garden. Long gone are the red-painted exterior and the decades of neglect. Today's Borax Smith house is a huge 2-story home with 2 fantastic studio flats and a full basement that is a world unto itself. Featured in Sunset Magazine and a Taunton Press book on Kitchens.

Straddling the Ivy Hill and Bella Vista neighborhoods, this exceptional house is a rare find!

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