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ELLE DECOR



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DESIGN IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

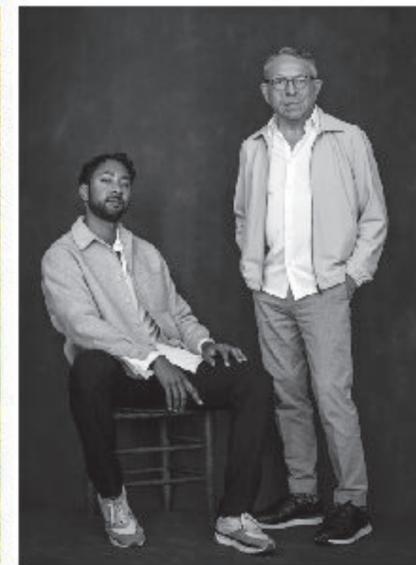
LIVING ARCHITECTURE

Randy Thueme Design creates enchanting residential landscapes that honor the surrounding environment and exceed clients' expectations.

Immersed in the lush woodlands of rural Michigan throughout his childhood, Randy Thueme has always been fascinated by the natural world. Now principal landscape architect at his San Francisco-based studio, Randy Thueme Design (RTD), he imparts this enjoyment to his clients by creating spaces that make it easy to love spending time outside.

"At RTD, our process consists of listening to our clients—learning about their preferences and lifestyles—and then designing outdoor spaces perfectly customized to them," says Thueme.

Studio Director Aaron Jurgens brings movement and harmony to design, having trained as a musician and dancer before turning to landscape architecture. Today, Thueme and Jurgens collaborate with architects, interior designers, engineers, arborists, and other professionals to ensure a home is not only functional, but also a personalized part of a larger picture.



"Landscape is a labor of love. It's not fueled by trends but by good design," says Jurgens. "We consider the home's interior and exterior context to create a sense of place."

For most RTD projects, hardscape—the pathways, pools, and terraces—are the framework for harmoniously integrated flora. Clients help guide the aesthetic rather than a preconceived style.

For a contemporary home in Los Altos Hills, plants, paths, stairs, and terraces are carefully woven throughout a complex wooded site. For an Atherton residence, RTD honored the home's traditional style while breathing new life into the vintage landscape.

"It's great to be around creatively driven clients," says Thueme. "Designing for them is the best part of our practice."