

Olveston

Portrait of a home

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THE OPULENT INTERIORS OF A GLORIOUS HISTORIC HOUSE

Olveston is one of New Zealand's most remarkable and beautiful heritage homes. Built in 1907 by David Theomin, a wealthy merchant and one of Dunedin's accomplished Jewish businessmen of that era, its opulence reflects the economic power that was concentrated in Dunedin at the start of the twentieth century, largely thanks to the earlier gold rush and the booming farming sector.

Theomin and his wife Marie were cultured people who travelled a great deal and the house is full of items brought back from abroad, as well as valuable furniture and significant paintings. Designed by leading British architect Sir Ernest George, the beautifully cared-for house is now in public ownership and open for tours. *Olveston: Portrait of a home*, evocatively photographed by Jane Ussher, documents its exquisite rooms full of treasures.

'[Ussher and Walsh are] a bit of a dream team for Olveston' — Leah McFall, RNZ's *Nine to Noon*

'This lavish, full-colour coffee table book reveals the history thanks to the text by John Walsh, while Jane Ussher's stunning photographs showcase the home's exquisite interiors and their treasures. This is a visual feast and a handsome book to savour' — Karen McMillan, *Canvas Magazine*

'A tribute to a slice of New Zealand history' — Jane Phare, *NZ Herald*

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

John Walsh is a writer who specialises in architecture. A former editor of *Architecture NZ* magazine, he is the author of numerous books about architecture, including *New New Zealand Houses*; *Home Work*; *Big House, Small House*; *City House, Country House*; *Far Pavilion: New Zealand at the Venice Architecture Biennale*; and *Herbst: Architecture in context*. He has also written guides to the architecture of Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, and is currently working on a guide to Dunedin architecture.

Jane Ussher MNZM is one of New Zealand's most lauded photographers. Perhaps best known for her photographs for *The Listener*, her photographs have also appeared in the high-profile, award-winning books *Coast, Islands, Worship, The New Zealand Horse, Endless Sea, Nature — Stilled, Historic New Zealand Homesteads, Rooms: Portraits of remarkable New Zealand interiors* and *Woolsheds: The historic shearing sheds of Aotearoa New Zealand*.

SALES POINTS

- Another beautiful coffee table book from the renowned team of Jane Ussher and John Walsh
- Dazzling, inspirational architecture
- A book to gift and to treasure

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