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'Hacks' Star Megan Stalter Just Snagged Herself Some Midcentury L.A. Digs

Designed by noted architect Ray Otero, and first occupied by a member of Herb Alpert's Tijuana Brass band, the post-andbeam home was built back in 1965.



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During the past few years, Megan Stalter has transitioned from the Chicago comedy scene to a breakout role as "party fashionista slash silly rich girl" assistant Kayla in the Emmy-nominated HBO Max series *Hacks*. Most recently, she also landed her first leading film role in Hannah Pearl Utt's indie comedydrama *Cora Bora*.

Now the 32-year-old comedian and actress is putting down roots in the hip <u>Silver</u> <u>Lake</u> neighborhood of <u>Los Angeles</u>, having doled out just under \$2 million for some midcentury-modern digs with both an architectural and a celebrity pedigree.

Records show Stalter paid slightly over asking price for her recently acquired property, which was originally built and designed by noted University of Southern <u>California</u>-trained architect Ray Otero in the mid-1960s for a member of trumpeter Herb Alpert's Tijuana Brass band. Last sold back in 2001 for \$515,000, and tastefully updated in the years since, the boxy white structure is notched into a sloped hillside parcel spanning less than a quarter-acre of land, and fronted by a gated driveway that opens to a covered parking area with room for two vehicles.



The living room boasts a wood-burning fireplace and sliding glass doors that open to a balcony providing eye-catching vistas. JILBERT DANIEL

Reached via a steep staircase, the lofty home offers three bedrooms and two baths in almost 1,400 square feet two-level living space adorned throughout with high ceilings, the original wood paneling and even central air-conditioning. Walls of glass offer up picturesque hillside and city lights views, with the open-concept floor plan highlighted by a taupe-hued living room displaying a wood-burning fireplace with a stove-pipe chimney, and sliding glass doors spilling out to a balcony on one side and an enclosed al fresco dining patio on the other.

An adjacent window-lined dining area connects to the galley-style kitchen, which is outfitted with quartz countertops, a light-gray subway tile backsplash and newer stainless appliances, including a Bosch dishwasher. There's also an inviting primary bedroom sporting a stylish bath equipped with dual vanities and a glassy shower, plus another bedroom that doubles as an office space.

Only helmed as of now by three owners during its nearly 60-year history, the property was listed by <u>Tracy Do</u> and <u>Victor Montecinos</u> of Coldwell Banker Realty. <u>Kerry Kimble</u> of The Agency repped Stalter.

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