

BEFORE & AFTER

RESTORATION MASTERPIECE

Location: Paterson

Time: Two weeks

Total: \$2,700

Plan:

■ Restore entry ceiling in 1936 home, using authentic and appropriate style and materials.

■ Repair extensive water damage to molding, walls and 12-by-14-foot oval ceiling, which had 4-foot-diameter hole.

■ Give existing wall niches more importance with decorative relief molding.

Contractor: Alexander Livanov, Creations in Plaster, New Milford (www.decorplasterwork.com)

The Project:

■ Cover existing chandelier and brass-and-iron staircase railing; also doorways of first-floor dining and living rooms, to minimize dust.

■ Install scaffolding in entry.

■ Prepare surfaces by removing damaged plaster, through scraping or demolition.

■ Open and clean out existing cracks. Stabilize underlying support materials with drywall screws and fiberglass mesh.

■ Replaster, prime and paint walls and ceiling.

■ Create molds to match original 10-inch wooden crown molding, and cast replacement sections in plaster.

■ Secure new molding sections in place, prime and paint to match original areas.

■ Add new relief molding around decorative niches.

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