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DESIGNER'S WALK

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SONG FOR THE THE PIANO MAN





“Piano Man” **Billy Joel** is famous for his singing and songwriting, and many of his works have become standards around the world. But for anyone driving up to his new Miami Beach home at La Gorce Island, it’s obvious that there’s nothing standard about this space. >>



The structure

of the home uses travertine quarried from Peru.

That's what gives this modern home a thoroughly Old World look and feel. The entrance to the home features arched glass double doors framed in dark cedar that open to a foyer. The foyer was purposely made small in order to have a more expansive courtyard.

This 8,881-square-foot, two-story, Mediterranean-style home features seven bedrooms and eight baths on a 30,330-square-foot lot with 150-foot frontage on Biscayne Bay. Recently purchased by Joel, the home originally was owned by Lisa and Leo Schigiell, who were drawn to the old Florida charm and quickly decided to build a new home in this 1920s-era community. The builder/developer was Schigiell and Julio Rodriguez. Insignia Development was the designer.

Inside and out are stunning uses of travertine, marble, granite, onyx, limestone, coral and unique stones from around the world. They were provided by Opustone Granite & Marble, a South Florida importer and distributor which supplied all of the home's natural stone aesthetics, including the gold travertine paved driveway lined with palm trees leading to Joel's exclusive villa plus material used for the living room's hand-carved stone fireplace, mantel and wall coupled with the marble flooring and brick pavers add to the home's naturally elegant surroundings. >>

Outside is the place to be. Defining the Miami lifestyle are an expansive loggia, pool, outside open-air gazebo, waterfall and rock-rimmed pond, of which all overlook Biscayne Bay.

