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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Wed, 02 Aug 2006 12:44:32 GMT

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Wed, 02 Aug 2006 13:11:41 GMT

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Deter - Detect - Delay !!

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A marriage should be a win-win. Yes, it brings about change and accommodation, but certain basic things are deal breakers and they are best addressed "prior to".

Also.....think about all of the gear you can buy if you're not supporting a family (OK.....OK.....sorry, I couldn't resist)

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Posted by [John Macy](#) on Wed, 02 Aug 2006 14:04:21 GMT  
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I think that one of the main things that has made my marriage work (28 years this October) is keeping the studio thing out of my house. While I currently have one of my Paris rigs setup at home, it is seldom that anyone comes by, though it gives me some time for edits and premixes...

We have two kids (16 and 7) and havving a flow of people through the house would be very distracting. While my wife is very supportive of what I do (I have made a living at this since I was 19), she likes for me to be "at home" when I am at home, and to tell you the truth, I really like it, too. It gives me some space and perspective away from the biz.

We thought very seriously about having the potential for a studio space when we moved about 5 years ago--either a walkout with a separate entrance or a separate building, and in the end decided having a home was more important, so I keep a 'space elsewhere.

It is a tough situation, and this is just how I did it. Compromise is very important, and communication is the key to this problem.

Hope this helps, and best of luck.

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Subject: Re: An interesting conversation arose last night....  
Posted by [AlsoAnonymous](#) on Wed, 02 Aug 2006 17:21:57 GMT  
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My ex-wife once posed the following question to me: "If you had to choose between Music and Me, what would it be?"

My current [and forever] wife has never asked such a question. She would never think to ask such a thing.

Having said that ... I have an attached built-on room for my studio, with a separate entrance. I notify my wife ASAP of all sessions. If anyone misbehaves on a session, I refer them to another studio, and do not have them back, unless it is extraordinarily evident that it will not happen again.

I love my wife and my music, but my home is my home. If I had the wherewithall, I would consider a separate facility. But I really appreciate the ability to work in my home studio when inspiration strikes.

A mutual level of trust and understanding is the only way this will ever work for me and my wife.

Hope this helps.

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Subject: Re: An interesting conversation arose last night....  
Posted by [Tyrone Corbett](#) on Wed, 02 Aug 2006 22:00:15 GMT  
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Just to share my circumstance (which may have no bearing on yours).

As others have posted, I too have my studio in the home. I also have a wife and two children. When we purchased our home, we specifically looked for a place with a back door entrance so that it would be as least disruptive to the family as possible..

The backdoor enters my kitchen, so the studio is not completely antonymous from the house, but it does provide my wife the opportunity to "make the dash" if she hears people coming in or out :-). We also have a bathroom as well as small refrigerator and sink and microwave in the basement so that my clients/guests do not have to disturb the family.

The studio was setup as a writing/production facility for my partner and I....so we don't advertise "selling time". This is not only due to the fact that the primary function of the studio is for our use, but it is also due to the fact that we don't want "strangers" in our home. We do take on selective projects (record company and other) and have people in, but they come in understanding that this is my home.

I also ask them to be mindful of my neighbors coming and going. My wife is very supportive and it has worked out incredibly well for us. It also helps that my wife was a musician (no longer pursuing any part of it).

....my two cents

Tyrone

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Subject: Re: An interesting conversation arose last night....

Posted by [excelav](#) on Thu, 03 Aug 2006 01:44:43 GMT

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I guess this depends, if it's about making money in your studio or just a private studio. I would try to find a studio to cut tracks in and bring the tracks home for mixing. If you want to run a full time commercial studio out of your house, you've got some talking and compromising to do. DeeJ is right, you practically need an agreement in writing before you get hitched.

I've seen a home studio where a guy had a three car garage built. Under the garage was excavated and they used a suspension system for the garage floor. There was a side door with a cement stair well in side the garage to get to the studio, and egress windows for additional ways to escape.

A friends studio is on top of his 4 car garage. I think it has a 5/12 pitch roof, and is 16x50'. The steps are in side the garage.

Another guy built a double deep garage. From the front of the house it looks like a big two car garage. It's approximately 26 wide x 52 deep. The first 22' is garage and the rest is studio, about 26x 30 with separate entrances.

I hope this gives you some Ideas.

James

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Subject: Re: An interesting conversation arose last night....  
Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Thu, 03 Aug 2006 04:07:52 GMT  
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On 2 Aug 2006 22:11:13 +1000, "Anonymous" <Anonymous@your.domain>  
wrote:

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A friend of mine who is also a professional musician (has been his entire life, practically) built a fully-professional studio up above his 2-car attached garage. His wife had originally wanted it for another bedroom, but realized that by having the studio at the house, he would have quick access when inspiration struck, the commute would be very short, and ultimately, she would see him more. The studio is mostly for his own use, whether it be one of his projects, the band he's in, or projects for other friends of his.

The studio is completely soundproof to the rest of the house. There is a heavy steel door between the studio and the upstairs hallway, and there is a completely isolated and separate outside entrance so that

clients never actually enter the house. It's understood that his world is on the other side of the door, and it's off-limits to anyone else, unless he invites you in.

Works very well. And he lives in a very upscale neighborhood. And his family is completely on board with this - he and his wife have been married for 34 years now - he was a musician when they met, so she knows that music is what makes him tick.

pab

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Subject: Re: An interesting conversation arose last night....

Posted by [rick](#) on Thu, 03 Aug 2006 08:53:55 GMT

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so now you know why the shovel sits just inside the door...;o)

On 3 Aug 2006 02:44:37 +1000, "john" <no@no.com> wrote:

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>hey, i was drunk that night !!!

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>rick <parnell68@hotmail.com> wrote:

>>my studio is 300' in front of my house and in the past 9 years i have

>>not had a single problem with the people coming here. i wish i had

>>the money when i built the place to add a bathroom out there but the

>>extra 20 g's was just too much. the house also closes at 9 pm. for

>>the potty trail. plus i've had to put signs up to wipe feet or take

>>off shoes when entering the house as most are not smart enough to do

>>so on their own if it's been raining or snowing.

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Posted by [Robert Arsenault](#) on Thu, 03 Aug 2006 14:54:48 GMT  
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This is the way I'm setup, love it. I do mostly commercial and some of my own stuff as well. Of course, things are pretty mellow around here, most session wrap-up by 11 or 12:00PM. I have never had any big issues in 4 years of operation. My wife does her thing (vet) and I do mine (biomed tech/studio) and we meet in the middle for some family time, no surprises, going on 14 years.

Good luck bro, straight up, no surprises, the only way to go.

<http://www.studiomanitou.com/Construction/images/house.jpg>

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