

Talbot's Treehouse: Casa Neverlandia celebrates art of growth



Before stepping into artist James Edward Talbot's home, one can get a feel for the whimsical adventure that's in store at Casa Neverlandia. With 38 different doorbells, including one Talbot modeled after The Lorax's Whisper-ma-Phone, the Austin artist knows how to make the mundane magical.



Talbot believes in connecting the earthly plane to the astral one through transcendent beauty. Guests are welcomed into Talbot's altar of the elements as soon as they step inside. The air altar (pictured above) provides a beautiful view of Talbot's carefully designed garden and his various collected sculptures. The ceiling is adorned with clouds and entrancing shades of blue.



The fire altar (pictured above), and Talbot's favorite place to be in his home, serves not only as appreciation for the element, but also serves as his main source of heat, as the artist leads a highly sustainable living without any central air conditioning.



Talbot's (pictured above) home is constantly growing and changing, as the artist is too constantly growing and changing. The amplified treehouse has undergone many renovations in the past decades and is continually being updated whenever inspiration strikes, and it does quite often as Talbot has many unfinished projects throughout the three-story home.



Talbot is no stranger to the arts, as he makes increasingly clear as one makes their way throughout his home. He even has an area solely dedicated to play. Here, Talbot hosts various events such as concerts and parties. Talbot has a direct view of the stage he's created from his bedroom, which seems to be his version of watching television in bed.



Talbot's bedroom is of course decorated with tree branches, as Casa Neverlandia encompasses everyone's inner child's daydream.



Although Talbot has an extremely expansive and creative mind of his own, he still looks to various celebrities, artists and friends for inspiration. In his backyard studio, in his sea of bottles and beads, Talbot has a display of all of his mentors and muses.



Located at 305 W Milton St., Casa Neverlandia is not something Austinites, or even out-of-towners, want to miss. With a small donation of fifteen dollars, Talbot provides you with a fun and informative tour of his electric, captivating, ever-changing home, and the magic that exists in it, that visitors will truly never forget.