

1001 CELEBRITY NIGHTS

MEL B & STEPHEN BELAFONTE

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In this FLAIR exclusive, Tamara Bakir flew to Madinat Makadi for an exclusive peek at celebrity couple, Melanie Brown and Stephen Belafonte's new home in Egypt! Tamara caught up with the sexy Los Angeles based couple at their new Arabian style home, designed by Dora El Chiaty, to be revealed in the following pages. In a lavish ceremony, organized by the young and talented Tania El Chiaty, the couple renewed their wedding vows in a tasteful and intimate ceremony at the new Travco Makadi Star hotel. In the following pages discover why the couple chose to set up residence in Madinat Makadi, why they did a four-day ceremony in Egypt, the secret to their successful relationship, and why Mel B is a bride less ordinary. This is 1001 Celebrity Nights...



In this lavishly decorated Arabian themed home owned by Mel B and Stephen Belafonte, Dora El Chiaty brought Middle Eastern culture and the couple's vibrant personalities to life through the walls of their stunning new vacation home at the new luxury Travco owned Madinat Makadi resort.

According to the talented designer, this celebrity home came about after the couple visited the Chiaty's home in Madinat Makadi, nicknamed 'The Tower' by the family, and fell for the stylish interiors concept and Red Sea location. In fact, Mel and Stephen loved Dora's design flair so much, they didn't even give her a design brief, instead telling her to do simply what she felt inspired to.

So, Dora El Chiaty carefully studied the couple's personas, combined with their love of Egyptian culture and created a decadent villa bursting with colour, Arabic design elements and the intimate parts of Mel and Stephen's characters. Travco were also responsible for the architectural design. The most challenging part of creating this celebrity home for the designer was admittedly the timeframe. She created the space in only three months. However, with a lifetime of experience and Travco's talented team to support her, the challenge was met with success; in the creation of a beautiful resort home that Mel and Stephen instantly fell in love with...



Dora El Chiaty

The main living room is defined by coziness and symmetry. Forming part of the general open area, Dora created an air of privacy and warmth through two architectural touches. The space is slightly raised by two steps, and Moroccan arches partition the space while reinforcing grandeur and introducing the concept of symmetry. The colour purple plays an essential role in adding a regal element to the space, as well as highlighting vibrancy, which mickicksthe couple's personalities. The fireplace mirrors the arches in the home's architecture while the stripy walls continue the pattern in the marble flooring.





The vast open area houses a reception area, dining room and cozy living room, all located behind the grand entrance of the home. The double height ceiling adds grandeur while the intricate arches throughout the main area endorse Moroccan style. Dora proposes that the interiors concept overall is a mixture of many cultures; Moroccan, Indian, Syrian and Egyptian infused with facets of the couple that the designer determined. The couple's love of The Tower inspired Dora to incorporate similar architectural and interior elements but she upped the ante with more elaborate colours and features for their celebrity natures. The large zebra rug and the tiger print chaise longue came from the designer's observation of Mel's passion for animal prints. Stephan admits that this area is his personal favourite part of the home.

This incredible space pays homage to the talented designer who custom designed and executed 60 percent of the furniture, with the remainder imported from all over the world, mainly from Morocco and India. The architecture and interiors blend seamlessly as shown in the intimate relationship between the main architectural feature, the purple dome, with the different shades of purple used in the reception and living room furniture.



The dining room seating eight is again given an air of privacy and seclusion through the arches separating the space. The interiors have a decidedly Egyptian touch as the dining table is made from gold leaf mashrabeya complementing the console behind. The purple toned rug and the double height silk curtains add majesty to the space.



This corridor connects the main space to the home's three bedrooms, two bathrooms and giant walk-in closet. The arches in the ceiling continue the Moroccan architectural theme while the artworks lining the walls are a combination of custom made and chosen pieces all by Egyptian artists.



The stunning guest bathroom mixes rich reddish and terracotta hues with lavish marble and mosaic and precise symmetrical elements. The matching sinks are complemented by matching mirrors and Egyptian style appliqués and lighting.



This lavish guest bedroom has a hazy pink ambiance achieved by clever lighting. The structure of the room reinforces the Moroccan architectural concept, while the intricate interior details are Pharaonic with a modern touch.