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An insulated solid wood and metal garage door adds to the beauty of the large-sized entryway designed by Swing Door Company.



SHUT THE DOOR

Custom-designed entryways meant to be admired

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howing people the door has a good connotation at the Swing Door Company, where custom-made entry ways are designed, fabricated and installed by hand.

Dominique and Barbara Levesque, owners of Swing Door Company, are pushing the limits of traditional door

ways with their modern and grand designs.

"If you can dream it we can build it," says Dominique.

No longer limited by the needs of traditional doors, the openings can be as wide and as tall as the scale of the house or made of materials from metal, wood, glass or "anything a client may want," says Dominque.

Dominique and his wife Barbara acquired the Hill Country Doors, an established builder of custom garage doors in 2014 and reinvented the company in Swing Door Company, which is currently outgrowing its homebase of a 6,000 square foot warehouse just outside Austin.

The couple also owns and operates Levesque & Co. builders. Barbara handles the marketing and social media platforms. The company employs four people, including the Levesque's, sales and general manager Ivan Moses, who is also a skilled woodworker and Aaron Gibraski, an installer.

The Levesque's are making their mark designing and fabricating a wide range of pivot doors, which have become the go-to for architects and home-owners with a desire for larger, statement-making front doors.

Because these larger doors can be too heavy to be supported by a traditional hinge system, Dominique designed a special hardware piece at bottom of the door that penetrates the floor or the frame for support, rather than using a hinge attached to the frame.

This allows a very heavy door to operate with simple ease, and gives designers options to make thicker and ornate doors in line with the custom design of a home, he says.

Dominique worked in construction growing up and when he moved to Austin to play music, came back to building as a day job.

His method of learning things by osmosis and creative exploration informs his business strategy making his business an ever evolving and growing venture.

Swing Door offers professional installation in the Central Texas region and ships to all lower 48 states.

Left, Dominique Levesque designs dream doors for customers like these metal, wood and glass and solid wood pivot doors.

Top right, behind the scenes of Swing Door Company where one-of-a-kind entries are created.

