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Bender Chaffey Corporation

Page through the real estate section of Sunday's *Times*, and you just might notice Bender Chaffey Corporation listed as the builder of a custom home for resale—not a common practice, but Realtors understand that the name carries with it a reputation for excellence, both in construction and in service. With 25 years of experience constructing custom residences throughout the Pacific Northwest, Bender Chaffey has garnered ample attention and accolades from a multitude of industry authorities and satisfied clients, alike. Architects are drawn to the firm for its organization and efficient project-management systems; builders associations recognize the team's immense talent for detail and craft; homeowners appreciate Bender Chaffey's commitment to successfully express their home's aesthetic vision as quickly, economically and flawlessly as possible and, most importantly, to provide them a truly enjoyable home-building experience.



Above: Dramatic wrapped beams and refined woodwork demand the finest materials and time-honored carpentry methods and provide warmth to this room's formality.
Photograph by Chris J. Roberts Photography Inc.

Facing Page: The award-winning use of exterior materials helps to create a home that settles comfortably into the surroundings of its historic Seattle neighborhood.
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Cofounded in 1982 by Don Bender and Herb Chaffey, the firm has since built more than 250 homes and now houses a team of 15 caring, experienced professionals. At the firm's foundation, the partners resolved to keep it small enough to ensure close collaboration with clients while maintaining sufficient manpower to effectively produce the highest quality structures possible. Herb is no longer a partner—Don's son Steve has taken his place—but the firm's objective remains the same: to create beautiful homes and forge lasting relationships with clients. With more than 300 years of combined home-building experience and a broad network of top-notch architects and subcontractors, the team easily and consistently achieves this goal.

The firm's wealth of knowledge and experience affords it the ability to construct anything an architect and client can envision. From elegant European mansions and Southern Colonial manors to clean-lined contemporary residences, Bender Chaffey has constructed homes in virtually every imaginable architectural vernacular. While historically much of its work has been comprised of new construction projects, the firm has broadened its repertoire to include an ever-increasing number of home additions and renovations. Whether

Above Left: The total renovation of the clients' original home included extensive unique artistic features and details such as leather ceilings and wire-wheeled walnut casework. Photograph by Kaminsky Productions

Above Right: Walking into this powder room activates a granite waterfall that flows to the slate sink. The basalt columns, walnut counter and floating mirror reflect organic sophistication. Photograph by Kaminsky Productions

Facing Page: Construction of this multiple-structure Northwest contemporary residence included channeling a meandering stream to its waterfront. Warm fir interiors provide casual elegance for an active family. Photograph by Pro Image Photography, Ed Sozinka







constructing a 17,000-square-foot palatial estate replete with 80,000 square feet of barns or a third floor beneath an existing two-story structure, the team surmounts each difficult challenge with grace and aplomb.

In addition to their extraordinary range of style and size, Bender Chaffey homes are well-known for their unique features. Wine cellars, home theaters, floating staircases, elevators, even equine hyperbaric chambers—the team has the skill and the resources to meet the most unusual of requests. Helping further the prevalent trend of Green living, the firm is committed to producing environmentally and socially responsible homes. Don and his



staff maintain a sense of duty to continually exceed set industry standards of Green practices, diligently striving to improve homes' air quality, employ sustainable products and reduce job-site waste. Moreover, Bender Chaffey is an active member of Built Green, the Seattle Master Builders Association's nonprofit organization devoted to promoting Green principles.

Don Bender strongly believes that the prolonged success of the firm necessitates constant evolution, and the firm relentlessly endeavors to expand the scope of its work and refine its skills. The team's ability to preserve the integrity of an architect's vision while bringing it into physical form ensures that Bender Chaffey



will continue to foster strong professional associations for years to come. Highly esteemed in the building community, the firm has won upwards of 11 MAME Awards, either for "Best Custom Home," "Best Master Suite" or "Best Kitchen," as well as several awards from the National Association of Masonry.

Above Left: The entrance to this magnificent stone estate reveals a cathedral-like interior with ironwork bridges between the public areas and private quarters. Photograph by Chris J. Roberts Photography, Inc.

Above Middle: A custom copper-clad and stone fireplace is one of many unique features in this paneled library of impressive finishes and detailing. Photograph by Chris J. Roberts Photography, Inc.

Above Right: This grand foyer features classic grace through extensive details and refined materials requiring meticulous workmanship and awareness of the architectural concept. Photograph by Chris J. Roberts Photography, Inc.

Facing Page: A lakeside Northwest villa is distinguished by courtyards, generous windows and a subtle palette. The arched stone terraces provide sheltered retreats. Photograph by David Starry photographer



Yet one need merely look to the clients to affirm Bender Chaffey's exquisite work. Don recalls a Christmas card he received from a client who wrote, "You must be proud of the beauty you create in this life. Every day, I get to see the beauty you've created for me." For Don and his team, praise such as this epitomizes honor.

Left: An Asian influence on Northwest contemporary architecture and careful correlation of indigenous materials and landscaping blend this home into its urban wooded hillside. Photograph by Pro Image Photography

Facing Page Left: A soaring atrium and a sculptural staircase provide a strong connection of this home's interior to the sky and tranquility gardens beyond. Photograph by Pro Image Photography

Facing Page Right: This light-filled kitchen offers Brazilian cherry floors and detailed glazed cabinets for a comfortable family cooking and gathering area. Interior design services by Bender Chaffey. Photograph by Michael Seidl Photography

