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Now the Media Room Is the Message



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Another designer, Diane Coleman (working with partner Barry Erenberg) asked Jonathan Flamm's firm, Audio Command, to devise a system for her forty-eighth floor penthouse duplex. The firm installed a multi-room system; the main audio-video grouping is housed in the den and handles speakers in every room, as well as around the apartment's indoor swimming pool area and on the 6,000-square-foot terrace. In addition, auxiliary systems are located in the pool and the guest bedroom for individual entertaining. Diane Coleman is acutely aware that technology can quickly become outdated; she wanted her family's system to be flexible. "One mistake people often make is to build cabinets with specific cutouts for specific equipment," she explains. "We simply decided to stack our components on shelves behind glass doors, so that we can upgrade without redecorating."

This is the only way to live!" declares designer Diane Coleman (top), happily swimming in the pool of her own forty-eighth-floor penthouse apartment in New York. A partner in Coleman-Erenberg Associates, Diane worked with Jonathan Flamm of Audio Command to create an audiovisual system that involves twenty-eight speakers in the duplex. Each room has a control panel that operates the main equipment in the den.