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Underline the sexy. A bubbling hot Marin spa from Sundance Spas sets the tone for relaxing, laughing, undressing. Encased in a deck created by the set designers at Legend Theatrical, the champagne-colored spa brings enthusiastic movement to the otherwise serene garden.

Swanson balanced the heft of the built-in spa with a seating area and bar furnished with the Case Study collection by Modernica. The entire area is sheltered by an innovative clamshell roof, an homage to the '50s created by Legend Theatrical.

"When I was talking to Dave Dunning and Chad Harris at Legend Theatrical, the conversation led to an idea for an updated bachelor pad," says Swanson. "I wanted something that was strong and masculine but also inviting. The garden isn't really a family space — it is a grown-up's garden."

Matching Swanson's vision was Thomas Raeth's expertise in quality installation. The garden's walls were perfectly fashioned from Chapel Hill stacked stone veneer from Eldorado Stone. Eldorado's panel system creates the appearance of a hand-laid, dry-stack set. "I've used the product in many landscape projects — it has a naturalistic feel that works in many spaces," says Raeth. "We walled the entire garden with it and used it for the walls of the outdoor living

[3] A built-in Marin spa from Sundance Spas with LatticeStix as a backdrop.

[4] Deep seating from Modernica opposite the Sculpture grill by Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet and a Viteo table.

[5] Modernica's Case Study chair and side table displayed on a decorative circle of Oldcastle (Belgard) pavers.



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