



LIVING LIKE JAKE SHEARS IN LOS FELIZ, \$2.25M

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Scissor Sisters frontman Jake Shears has put his handsome Streamline Moderne Style home on the market. Beautifully and sensitively renovated, it's a seductively simple home has views from Los Feliz to Downtown.



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Obviously staged for sale, but go to the listing for additional details, video and images. Represented by Nancy Osborne and Penny Muck of Halton Pardee + Partners. For a peek further back in time, there's this vintage listing with images of how the house looked before Shears purchased it.