

MASK HOUSE

RONCESVALLES VILLAGE
TORONTO
CANADA

Project Credits

Client: Private
Program: Residential, Single Family Dwelling
Location: Roncesvalles Village, Toronto, Canada

Structure: Steel & Wood Framing
Lot Area: 451 m² (4885 sqft)
Size (GFA): 228.50m² (2460 sqft)

Design: 2016
Completion: Summer 2019

Architects: Atelier RZLBD / Reza Aliabadi
Project Lead: Reza Aliabadi
Project Team: Arman Azar, Aziza Asat
Structure: Dibaj Tech Inc.
Mechanical: Noor Design Inc.
Construction: G. K. Development
Architectural Photography: Borzu Talaie



The Mask House is a two-storey dwelling that grounds its presence by embracing juxtapositional qualities in order to set an example for its neighbourhood which is undergoing a rapid gentrification. The façade may challenge the viewer to speculate a direct relation between manners of the exterior and the interior, assuming likeness of aesthetics with ethics in regards of spaces being skewed, tilted and angled. However, the ‘mask’ intentionally plays the role of being a mediator between the haphazard surrounding environment and the serene orthogonal interior order. It borrows from next door roof profiles and trapezoidal plots, and offers back different readings that are not contradictory but ambiguous. By wearing the mask the building becomes a “positive virus”, it will affect, engage and change its immediate environment — extending out an invitation to play a new game.