

HGTV STAR SIBLINGS LEANNE AND STEVE FORD BRING BOLD STYLE TO PITTBURGH HOMES IN SEASON TWO OF 'RESTORED BY THE FORDS'

New York [Feb. 11, 2018] Brother-sister duo Leanne and Steve Ford bring their daring design style to quirky Pittsburgh-area homes in the new season of HGTV hit series <u>Restored by the Fords</u>. The pair, who attracted more than 13.9 million total viewers in season one, return with back-to-back episodes on Tuesday, March 19, at 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. ET/PT. During the series, Leanne, an interior designer, and Steve, a licensed contractor and renovator, help their clients preserve the homes' original architectural details and infuse the properties with unique design elements, including textured walls, creative ceilings and custom exposed staircases.

"Growing up, Steve was always the handyman, and I was always the creative one. Not much has changed, except now we take on quirky homes and turn them into works of art," said Leanne. Added Steve, "I love to see what Leanne does—it's amazing where she's able to find inspiration."

In the season opener, Leanne's former high school lacrosse teammate and her husband are looking to revive their drab Craftsman-style home into a bright and welcoming property. Steve and Leanne take on the challenge by exposing the brick fireplace, eliminating walls and adding French doors that turn the gloomy, choppy interior into a warm and inviting family home.

This season, one reno is truly a family affair when Steve tasks Leanne with designing his first home—an abandoned 1940s warehouse space near downtown Pittsburgh. To create a warm yet industrial-inspired space, Leanne blends her modern design style with Steve's "must have" list, including heated, polished concrete floors throughout the home. To celebrate Steve's new bachelor pad, their mom and sister show up for the reveal to be the first to see the gorgeous overhaul.

Beginning Thursday, March 21, a new digital series, *Ford Family Classics* (wt), will premiere on HGTV's digital platforms—including HGTV.com, HGTV's YouTube channel, on demand across all platforms and the HGTV app—and will spotlight Leanne and Steve's review of their childhood home movies. Joined by other family members along the way, the siblings share their humorous and heartfelt perspectives on their favorite Ford family stories and traditions. Season one of *Restored by the Fords* also will be available on demand across all platforms and on the HGTV app starting Tuesday, March 5.

Fans can visit <u>hgtv.com/restoredbythefords</u> to find fresh articles and photo galleries from the season and also can interact on social media using <u>#restoredbythefords</u>.

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