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# The finishing touch

**Mark Craven** reports on a cinema room that went from functional to fabulous

**OOH LA LA!**

Oscar star *Les Misérables* is ready to sing on BD, p103



The cinema was previously a traditional-looking living room

**WHILE WE USUALLY** think of custom installers as building cinema rooms and integration projects from scratch, they can also be called upon to freshen up an existing system, taking over what are often considered the 'finishing touches', such as lighting and intelligent control.

This home theatre, completed by Midlands-based company AV Candy, is a case in point. The owner already had a five-seater system, incorporating a Pioneer SC-LX85 AV receiver,

BDP-LX55 Blu-ray player and JVC HD1 projector, assembled in a traditional-looking living room. He called upon AV Candy to improve the usability – and, of course, performance – and the result is a dazzling dedicated room with integrated lighting, air-conditioning and blackout blinds.

## Christmas present

The makeover began in September last year and was completed, with a break over the

Christmas period, by January. AV Candy introduced Somfy automated curtain tracks, Mode ColourStyle lighting control and installed in-ceiling and on-wall PMC speakers, partnered with the owner's existing SVS tower subwoofer for a more discreet 5.1 array. Source hardware, and the AMX control processor, were housed in a Middle Atlantic rack in the adjacent Blu-ray and DVD library room (!).

The room layout and decor also underwent a major transformation, with the system

An adjacent room houses the owner's extensive software collection...

...as well as the source and control electronics in a Middle Atlantic rack



**CINEMA ROOM CHECKLIST**

- JVC:** HD1 D-ILA projector
- PMC:** 5 x Wafer 1
- SVS:** PC13 Ultra sub
- PIONEER:** SC-LX85
- PIONEER:** BDP-LX55
- SKY:** Sky+HD
- SOMFY:** Curtain tracks and blackout blind motors/controllers
- MIDDLE ATLANTIC:** AV rack
- AMX:** System control processor



The room is decorated with movie poster art, full-length curtains and downlighters

rotated by 90 degrees – allowing seating in a single, curved row – and carpeting and movie poster art installed to both improve acoustics and aesthetics.

With the owner's expectations regarding performance and ease of use 'exceeded', AV Candy has now been tasked with adding full control of his home theatre PC to the setup, and expanding the AMX system to other parts of the house previously controlled via a Philips Pronto system ■

A Samsung UE55D8000 LED TV rises out of the front cabinet for when the owner fancies some smallscreen viewing

