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History, Character, and Charm Abound

237 Merriman Street

The Neighborhood of the Arts is one of Rochester's most vibrant neighborhoods. An eclectic blend of art, history, and architecture, NOTA overflows with galleries, shops, loft apartments, and restaurants—many of which are located in refurbished factory buildings once part of the area's industrial past. While its vintage buildings are being converted into modern living spaces, NOTA's residential streets are lined with charming 19th century houses like the one at 237 Merriman Street.

Built in 1888, the exterior of this period house is a sunny yellow with crisp white trim. The columned front porch, a great place to spend a summer afternoon, welcomes you. Inside you notice the house's stunning period details such as the original oak floors and restored gumwood trim found throughout the house. More original details like the wall sconces and leaded glass front windows enhance the living room, and a stained glass bay window and window seat are an added bonus. A smaller room that is perfect for an office adjoins the spacious dining room. The kitchen, large for a house of this vintage, has tall windows that make it a sunny spot for meal preparation. An original built-in cabinet, a vintage freestanding sink, and a generous-sized pantry complete the space.

One of the many beautiful features of the house is the newly refinished grand staircase that leads from the foyer to the second floor. Upstairs are

four sunny and bright bedrooms each with a walk-in closet. The smallest bedroom, which may have been the nursery, adjoins the large master that overlooks the front yard. A surprise awaits you in the bathroom—the house's original clawfoot tub! A built-in linen closet in the hall completes the second floor. The mechanics and laundry are in the full basement that has a convenient access door to the outside.

The private backyard is fully fenced and lined with spring flowers peaking out from under the snow. The exterior of the two-car garage is a yellow and white that perfectly matches the house.

The shops, restaurants, and galleries of Village Gate Square and the Anderson Arts Building are within walking distance. The Memorial Art Gallery and George Eastman Museum are nearby. The house is located in the Rochester City School District and is served by the NOTA Neighborhood Association.

This 1,680 square foot city home is listed for \$120,000 with taxes of \$3,409. For a tour to see how you could add your own special touches to this lovely period house, call Chelse Moffatt of Keller Williams Realty at 362-8900.

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