

Singer Daryl Hall Chooses Unico System for Historic Renovation Project

St. Louis, Missouri (Aug. 15, 2014)— Wearing dark sunglasses and occasionally brandishing his guitar, Daryl Hall is equal parts rock star and historic renovator on the DIY Network show “Restoration Over-Hall.” A camera crew follows Hall this summer and fall as he directs his construction team in the historically accurate restoration of a 1780s Connecticut home.

The first phase of construction is a two-story, 1600-square foot addition that must match the look of the original building. When considering an HVAC system for the addition, Hall chose the small-duct, high-velocity Unico System because the small, flexible ductwork weaves through floor and ceiling joists and between walls, so that bulky metal ductwork and soffits are not needed. Having hidden HVAC allows Hall to replicate the home’s original architectural design in the addition.

“Daryl really liked the fact that we could install the Unico System without using intrusive ductwork and soffits,” said Matt Carlo, managing partner of Innovative Air Solutions, the Tuckahoe, New York, HVAC contractor for the project. “Daryl was also pleased with the system’s quiet operation and the look of Unico’s small, round room outlets, which are hardly noticeable at just 2 inches in diameter.”

Carlo recommended Unico’s Green Series air handlers with hydro coils because they provide an energy-efficient, environmentally friendly air delivery system. The Green Series features the S.M.A.R.T. (Software Managed Air Rate Technology) Control Board and EC (Electronically Commutated) motor. The S.M.A.R.T. Control Board software allows contractors to adjust the settings for CFM (amount of air flow) and RPM of the motor, to meet individual needs.

The installation of the Unico System is featured in Episode 7, which is scheduled to air on August 23 at 10 p.m. Eastern. The first season has nine episodes. In the second season, the main house renovation will be undertaken. A Unico System will also be installed during that phase of the project.

The Connecticut home is located on a 30-acre estate in the country, and has been vacant for several decades. Hall plans to completely restore the home with materials that would have been used in the time that the house was constructed.

A long-time history buff, Hall has been involved in numerous restoration projects, including an 1860s farmhouse in Millbrook, N.Y., a home built in the early 1700s in Kittery Point, Maine and an estate in Amenia, N.Y. Another Hall TV series, “Live From Daryl’s House,” was shot in his Amenia home.

The Unico System is a small-duct, high-velocity central heating and air conditioning system manufactured by Unico Inc. Ideal for custom & new home construction, historic preservation and commercial applications, The Unico System takes less than one-third the space of a traditional HVAC system.

