



MEMORANDUM

TO : Our Colleagues
FROM : Peg Breen and Roger Lang
DATE : April 13, 2000
SUBJECT : **Invitation to Rally at 2 Columbus Circle**

You're invited to a rally! It's tomorrow, Friday, April 14th, at 11:30am, in front of 2 Columbus Circle. The Landmarks Conservancy is co-sponsoring this event with the Municipal Art Society and the Historic Districts Council. The purpose is to call upon the Landmarks Preservation Commission to hold a public hearing on the building's landmark status. All the details are set forth in the enclosed Media Advisory.

We hope you'll take an early lunch hour tomorrow and join us.

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MEDIA ADVISORY FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 11:30 A.M.

*Landmarks Conservancy, Municipal Art Society, & Historic Districts Council
Rally to Urge Hearing on Fate of 2 Columbus Circle*

Landmarks Preservation Commission Should Hold Public Hearing !

Preservationists May Be Split on Status of Bldg, But Agree It Deserves "Day In Court"

PRESS CONFERENCE & RALLY: Friday, April 14, at 11:30 a.m. At 2 Columbus Circle

Memo to: Assignment Editor

Re: New York City's preservationists -- convened by the Landmarks Conservancy, the Municipal Art Society, and the Historic Districts Council -- rally to appeal to the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission to hold a public hearing on the possible landmark status of a controversial modern building at 2 Columbus Circle.

Who: Participants at the rally will include architect **Robert A.M. Stern**, literati **Tom Wolfe**, City Council Members **Ronnie Eldridge** and **Christine Quinn**, and NY State Senator **Tom Duane**, as well as **Peg Breen** of the Landmarks Conservancy; **Frank Emile Sanchis III** of the Municipal Arts Society, and **Vicki Weiner** of the Historic Districts Council.

Date/Time: Friday, April 14, at 11:30 a.m.

Place: 2 Columbus Circle, Broadway at 59th Street.

Background: 2 Columbus Circle, completed in 1965 by Edward Durell Stone, one of the most famous American architects of his generation and a founder of the International Style, is not getting its "day in court" before the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission. To date, the Commission, chaired by Jennifer J. Raab, has declined to hold a public hearing on whether this controversial building deserves designation and protection as a landmark.

The building, originally the Gallery of Modern Art, was created by A&P heir Huntington Hartford and later served as the headquarters of NYC Convention & Visitors Bureau and the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. Architecturally, the building marked a bold turn away from orthodox modernism. Its Venetian-palazzo decoration revealed Stone as a post-modernist twenty years ahead of his times. Now vacant, 2 Columbus Circle is threatened with demolition by the terms of a City offering for redevelopment.

Recently, the City ignored a bid from a private museum to preserve and reuse the building. Instead, a second RFP was issued that many feel was crafted to prevent the building's use as a museum, almost guaranteeing its demolition. Preservationists object to this process, especially because the City's preservation agency has not yet held a public hearing on the building's landmark status.

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