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From: LANDMARK WEST! [mailto:landmarkwest@landmarkwest.org]
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2 COLUMBUS CIRCLE NAMED AS ONE OF AMERICA'S "MOST ENDANGERED" BUILDINGS!

This morning, the **National Trust for Historic Preservation** - America's leading preservation organization - announced the listing of **2 Columbus Circle** in its 2004 roster of our country's "**11 Most Endangered Places.**" National Trust president Richard Moe called preserving Edward Durell Stone's 1964 design for Huntington Hartford's Gallery of Modern Art, a matter of "utmost importance."

Says Moe, "[2 Columbus Circle] is part of the fabric of modern American culture - a rich tapestry comprising elements from many period and in many styles, each of which contributes to our understanding of our nation's growth and development."

The National Trust listing only reaffirms what many New Yorkers already knew - 2 Columbus Circle is a landmark of national, if not international, importance that has been shamefully overlooked by our city's top preservation authority, the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC). **The LPC's failure to hold a public hearing** even to discuss the 40-year-old, landmark-eligible building's merits for official designation - a failure so far tacitly endorsed by Mayor Michael Bloomberg - places 2 Columbus Circle in clear and present danger of eradication by the Museum of Arts and Design (MAD), which plans to strip and gut the building (though they don't own it yet, nor do they have a firm plan for how they will alter it).

MAD director Holly Hotchner has tried to characterize the campaign to save 2 Columbus Circle as the work of a "small, vocal minority." The National Trust's recognition of 2 Columbus Circle as one of the most endangered buildings in the United States - **the** most endangered building in New York City - proves her indisputably wrong.

Help **Mayor Bloomberg** and **LPC Chair Robert B. Tierney** get this message **LOUD** and **CLEAR** - log on to the new "Save 2 Columbus Circle" website at www.save2columbus.org to learn how **YOU** can make a difference at