

## **LANDMARK WEST!**

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**Subject:** 2 Columbus Circle: "...not to hear it is criminal," says Stern

### **STERN STANDS UP FOR 2 CC**

First order of business, before we share with you the article on **2 Columbus Circle** that appears in today's *New York Times*:

\*\*If you support a public hearing on 2 Columbus Circle before the Landmarks Preservation Commission, **please reply to this email** and send us your up-to-date contact information, including **name, email address, and preferred telephone number and mailing address** (even if you know you're already on our list!). This information is vital to the next phase of our advocacy efforts, and we appreciate your helping us stay in touch with you! With any questions, please call or email LANDMARK WEST!, 212-496-8110, [landmarkwest@landmarkwest.org](mailto:landmarkwest@landmarkwest.org).

Okay, here it is...Reprinted from the *New York Times*, Thursday, May 12, Arts Section.

#### **An Architect's Brickbats** ROBIN POGREBIN

The architect **Robert A. M. Stern** challenged the chairman of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission on Tuesday night to explain why he did not hold a hearing on **2 Columbus Circle**, designed by Edward Durell Stone as Huntington Hartford's Gallery of Modern Art but never designated a landmark. The building is to be reconstructed as the Museum of Arts and Design. **"Not to preserve the building is shocking, but not to hear it is criminal," Mr. Stern said during a panel discussion at the 92nd Street Y, addressing Robert B. Tierney, the chairman.** Mr. Tierney did not directly respond except to say that the commission had decided in 1996 not to hold a hearing on the building and that he had chosen not to revisit the decision. The panel, which discussed the effects of 40 years of landmarks regulation on architecture in New York, also included the architects Hugh Hardy and James Stewart Polshek.

### **AND DON'T FORGET...**

#### **City Council Oversight Hearing on the Landmarks Preservation Commission**

**When:** Monday, May 16, 10:00 A.M.

**Where:** City Hall, Committee Room, adjacent to large Council Chamber on second floor

Even if you testified at previous LPC oversight hearings in October and November 2004, **please plan to attend and testify in support of meaningful improvements to the Landmarks process!**

#### **REMEMBER**

- There is a 2- to 3-minute time limit for testimony
- Please bring at least 10 copies of your written testimony to distribute to the Committee members