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New Yorker's Paul Goldberger to Lead On-Line Forum on Future of 2 Columbus Circle

***--Terence Riley, Witold Rybczynski, Michael Sorkin, Thomas Mellins, Diane Lewis,
John Kaliski, and Karrie Jacobs to discuss controversial site—***

WHAT: The public is invited to observe an **on-line forum** at www.CollectorsWorld.org that brings together noted historians, theorists and practitioners to discuss **2 Columbus Circle**, designed by important mid-century modernist **Edward Durell Stone**. The forum coincides with a June 18th public hearing before the New York City Planning Commission on the **Museum of Art & Design's** application to make the building its permanent home with a new design by Allied Works Architecture.

Completed in 1964, this controversial building continues to arouse complex emotions – what role does 2 Columbus Circle play in the City's urban fabric; should it be preserved as an icon of 1960s modernism; would landmark status facilitate or impede its re-use as a museum? These and other questions will be explored.

WHO: The on-line forum will feature:

- **Paul Goldberger** - Moderator – *The New Yorker* architectural critic
- **Terence Riley** - Chief Curator, Dept. of Architecture and Design, MoMA
- **Witold Rybczynski** - writer, Prof. of Urbanism, University of Pennsylvania
- **Michael Sorkin** - architect, writer, director, CCNY Urban Design graduate program
- **Diane Lewis** - architect, principal of Diane Lewis Architects, Cooper Union professor
- **Thomas Mellins** - architectural and urban historian
- **John Kaliski** - principal of Urban Studio architects in Los Angeles
- **Karrie Jacobs** - writer and design critic

Landmark West! and **Western Interiors and Design** magazine will sponsor the discussion, hosted by **CollectorsWorld**. **Landmark West!** works to preserve the architectural heritage of Manhattan's Upper West Side. **Western Interiors and Design** celebrates the innovative spirit of contemporary architecture and design in the western regions of the United States, Canada and Mexico. Allied Works Architecture is a Portland, OR, firm. **CollectorsWorld** is an educational website dedicated to art stewardship and the preservation of culture.

WHEN: The on-line forum will begin at **2:00 pm EST** on **June 16, 2003**, and conclude at **6:00 pm EST** on **July 2, 2003**. Goldberger will start the discussion by posting opening comments.

WHERE www.collectorsworld.org - For its three-week duration, the discussion will be posted and continually updated. Visitors to the site may submit questions and remarks by going to www.collectorsworld.org and signing up for (free) membership in the CollectorsWorld community (choose "SignUp/Log-In" in the upper right corner of the website's home page).