

Re: Interior Lobby of 200 Madison Avenue aka 200-214 Madison Avenue
LP-2654 Block 865-Lot 14

Elaine Silber, Co-Chair Preservation & Design Committee

The Preservation & Design Committee of the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association (MHNA) fully supports the proposal to landmark the interior lobby of 200 Madison Avenue.

Designed by Warren & Wetmore and completed in 1926, it is an excellent example of the Neo-Renaissance style and is one of the best preserved lobbies from the 1920's that still exists today. Its ornate design with a long, dramatic arcade running north to south between East 35th and East 36th Street is impressive. Every detail in the lobby including the vaulted ceiling with rosettes, the wall fixtures, decorative elements, polished marble, brass-framed doors and elevators, to the mosaics on the walls is remarkable. Entering this lobby is a grand and uplifting experience.

To say that they don't make them like this anymore is an understatement. We strongly believe this interior space should be preserved to give it the distinction it deserves.

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