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**215 West 57th Street – The American Fine Arts Society**  
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**YEAR 2022:** Contemporary view of The Art Students League (aka 215 West 57th Street, The American Fine Arts Society building), looking north on West 57th Street. View shows architect Henry Janeway Hardenbergh's original design constructed 1891-1892. The American Fine Arts Society building is an individual landmark (LP-0255, designated 12/10/1968).

**YEAR 2026:**  
STREET FRONT ALONG WEST 57TH STREET



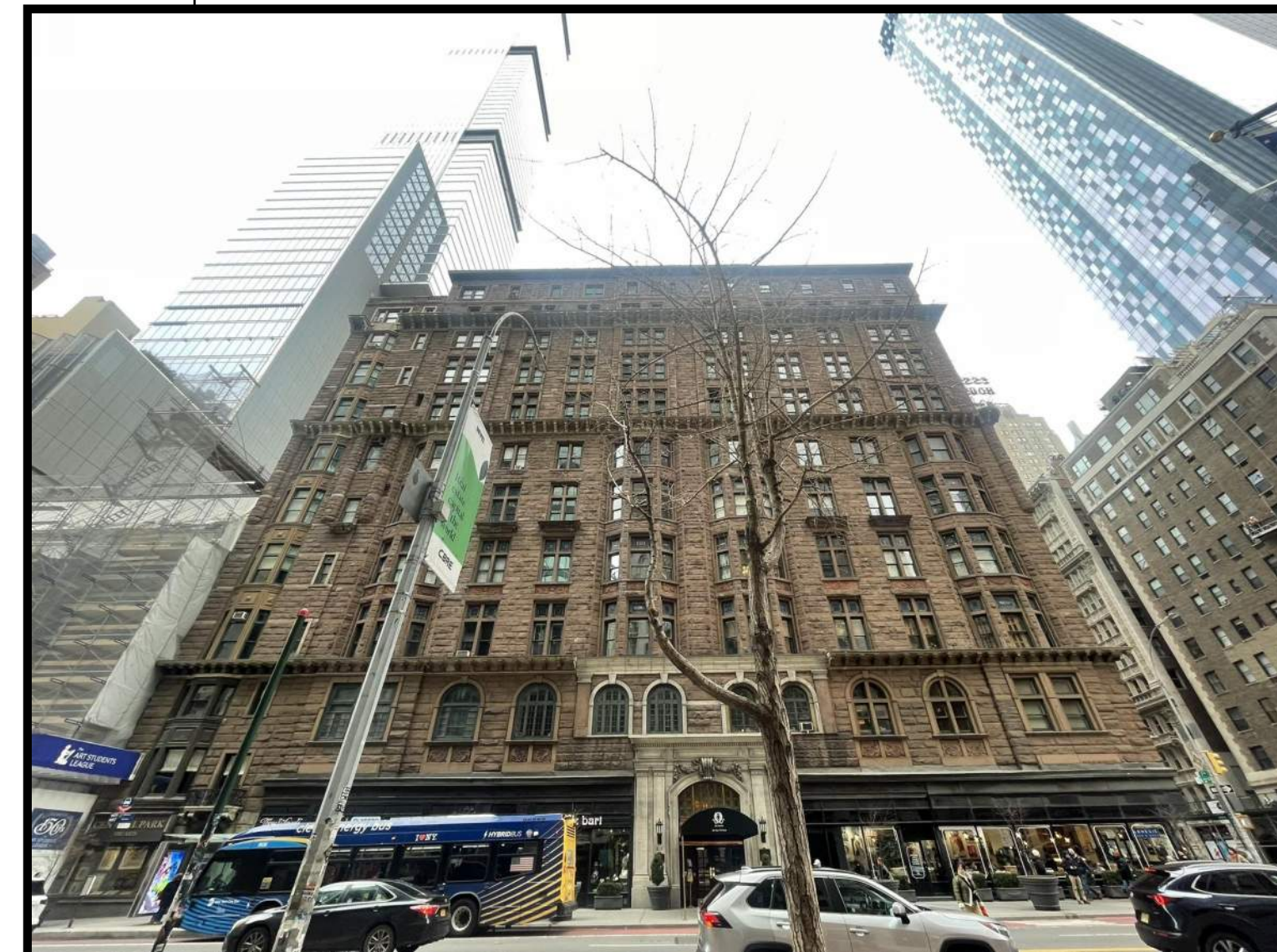
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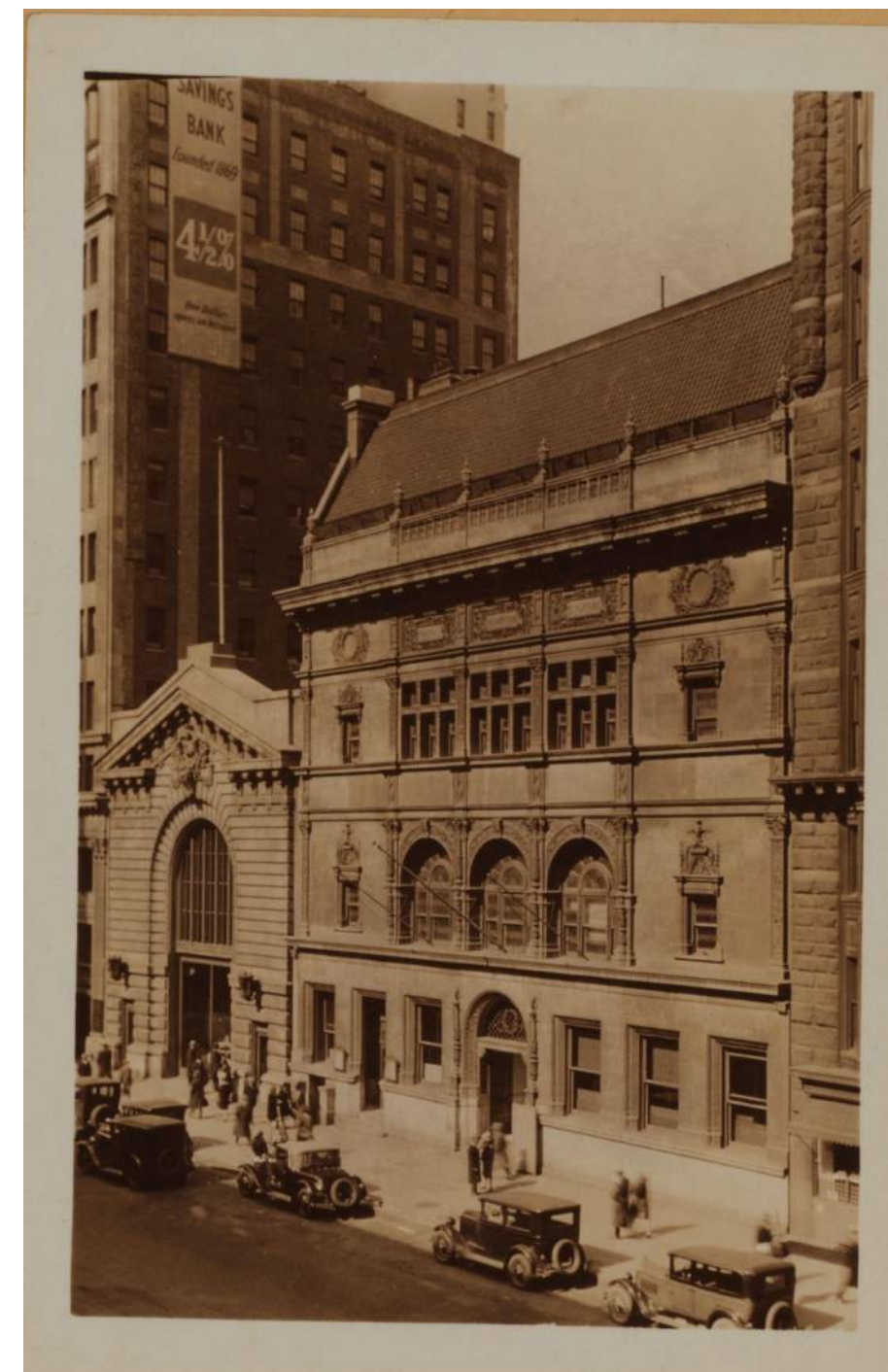
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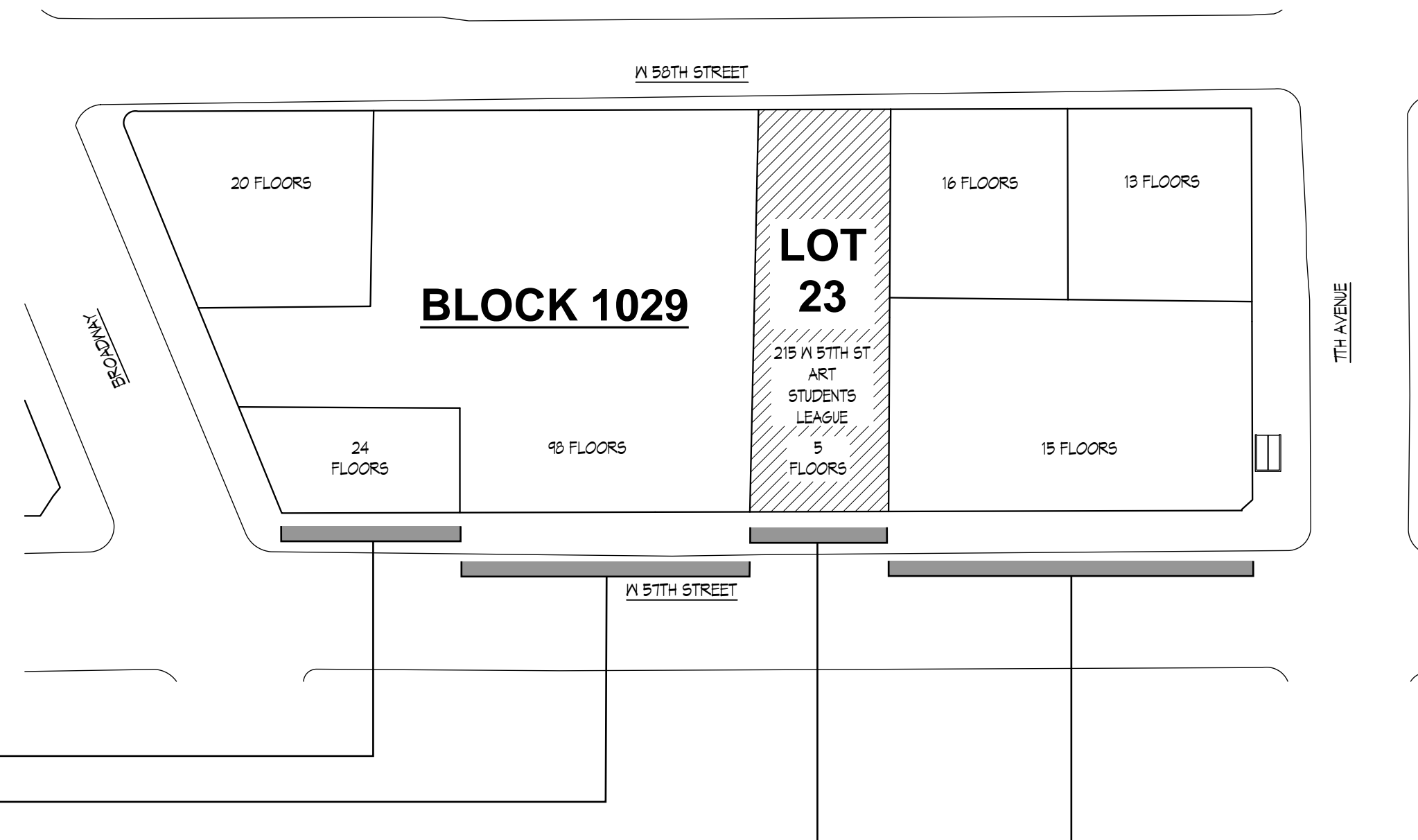
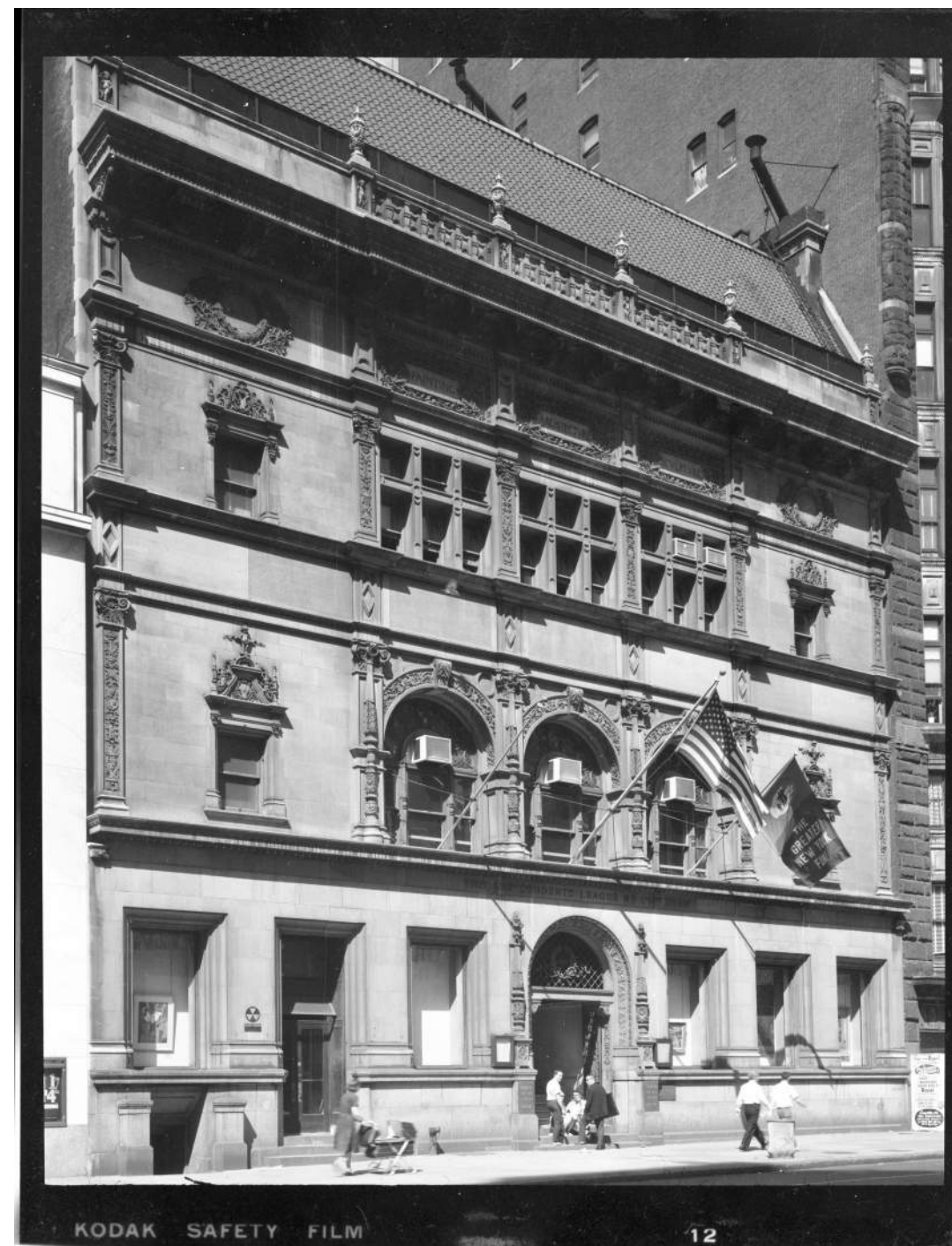
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**YEAR 1890:** The American Fine Arts Society building design as published by *Architecture and Building Vol 18*. Built: 1891-92. Architect: Henry Janeway Hardenbergh. Style: Francois I, French Renaissance.



**YEAR 1968:** LPC designation photos of the American Fine Arts Society building. View of main (south) facade on West 57th Street.



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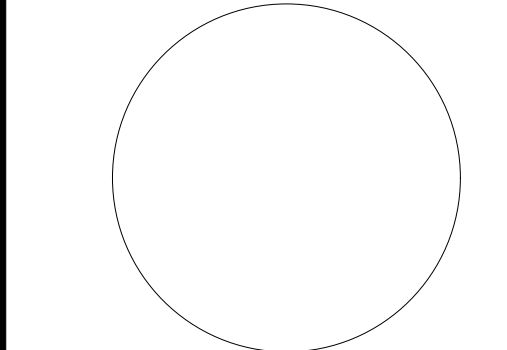
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**SIGNAGE:** Detail view of the American Fine Arts Society building (above) with wood lettering affixed to the main entrance entablature ca. 1950s. The 1968 LPC designation photo shown at left. View of main (south) facade on West 57th Street.

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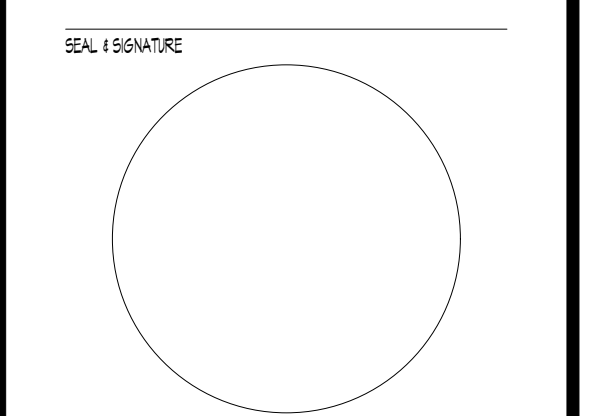
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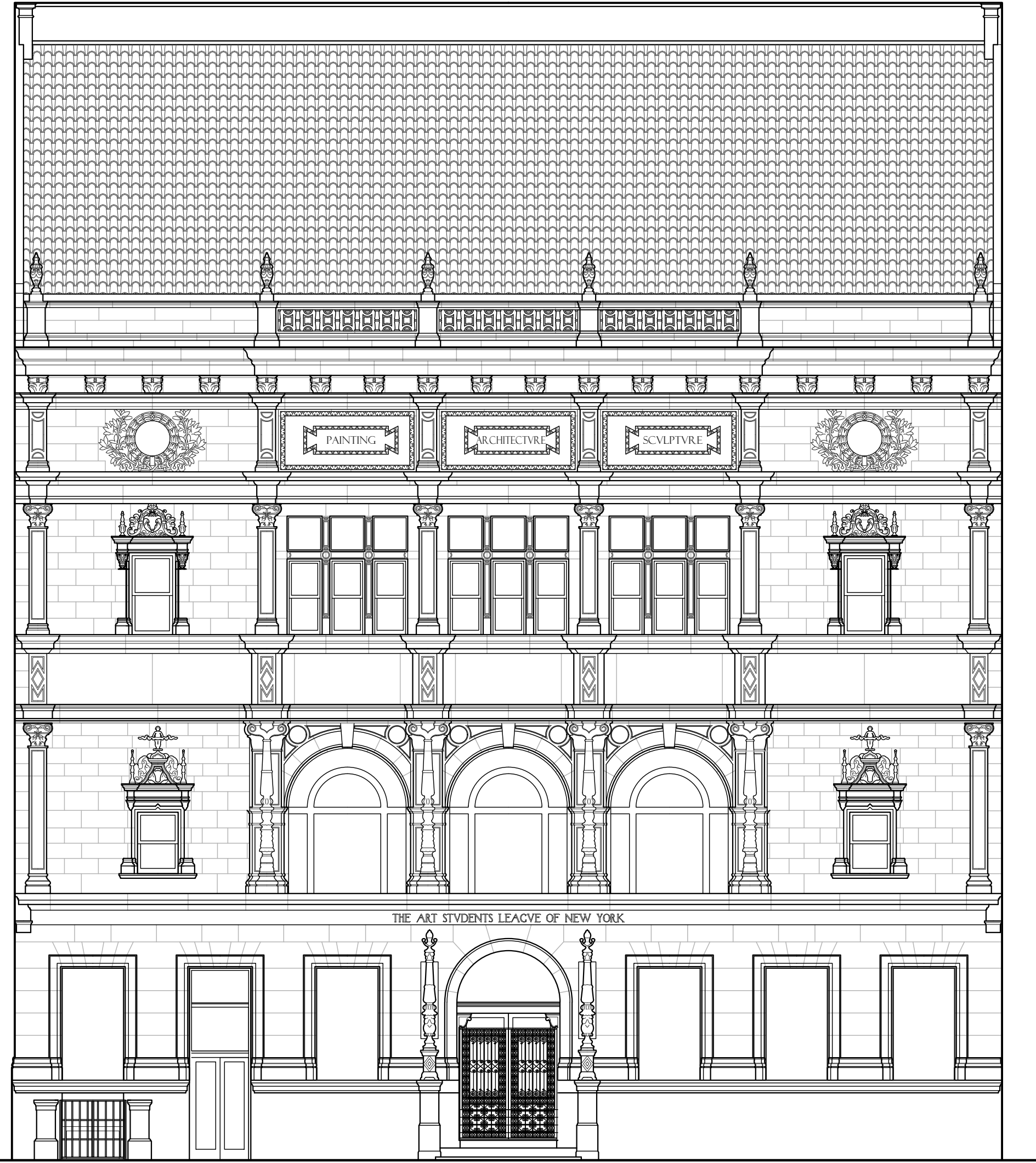
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# PROPOSED INCISED LETTERING

THE ART STUDENTS LEAGUE OF NEW YORK | 215 W 57TH STREET



**RENDER:** Proposed incised lettering at W 57th Street facade located within the entablature above the main entrance.

# PRECEDENTS SIMILAR LETTERING

THE EQUITABLE BUILDING | 120 BROADWAY



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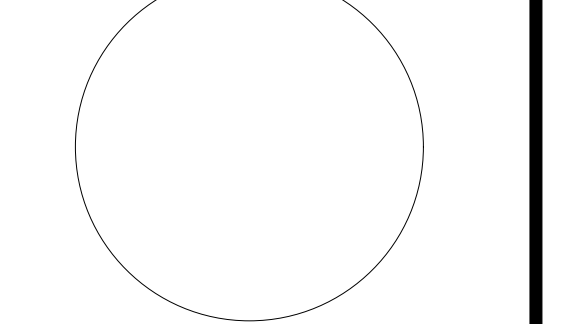
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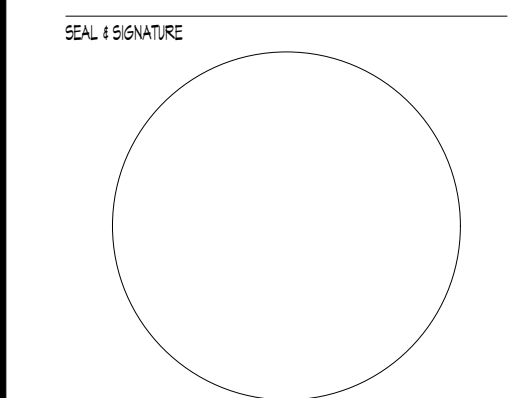
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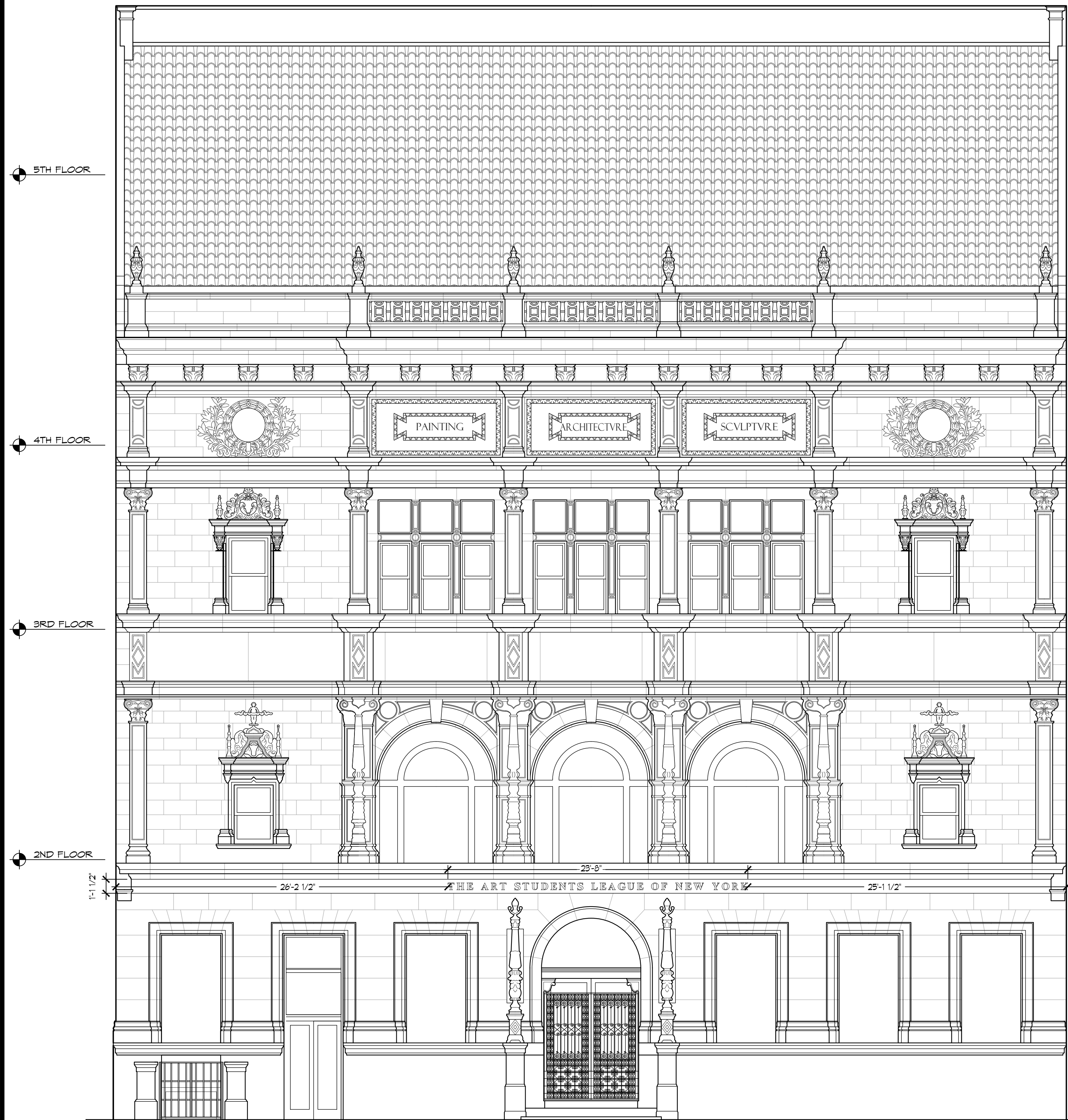
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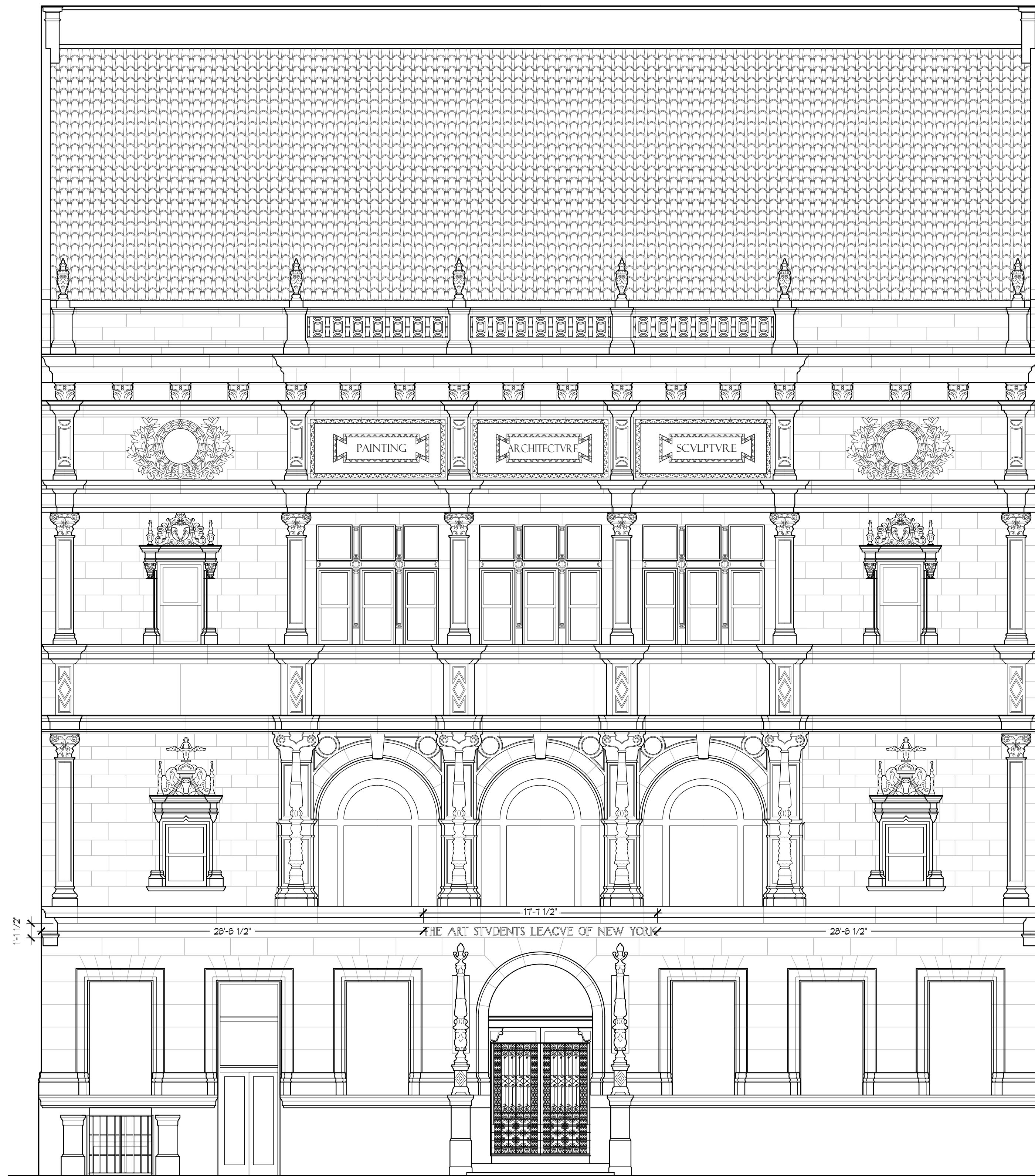
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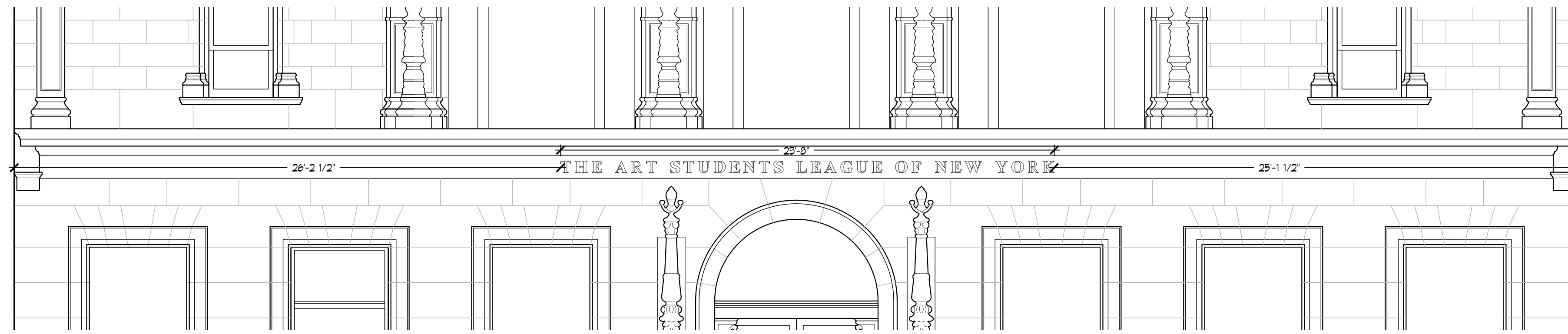


1 SOUTH (57TH STREET) FACADE - EXISTING LETTERING  
SCALE: 3/16"=1'-0"



2 SOUTH (57TH STREET) FACADE - PROPOSED LETTERING  
SCALE: 3/16"=1'-0"

2ND FLOOR



1 W 57TH STREET BUILDING LETTERING - EXISTING  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



EXISTING PAINTED WOOD LETTERS GLUED TO FACADE

2 W 57TH STREET BUILDING LETTERING - EXISTING  
SCALE: N.T.S.



4 W 57TH STREET BUILDING LETTERING - EXISTING "O"  
SCALE: N.T.S.



3 W 57TH STREET BUILDING LETTERING - EXISTING "EA"  
SCALE: N.T.S.



5 W 57TH STREET BUILDING LETTERING - EXISTING "O"  
SCALE: N.T.S.



6 W 57TH STREET BUILDING LETTERING - EXISTING "U"  
SCALE: N.T.S.

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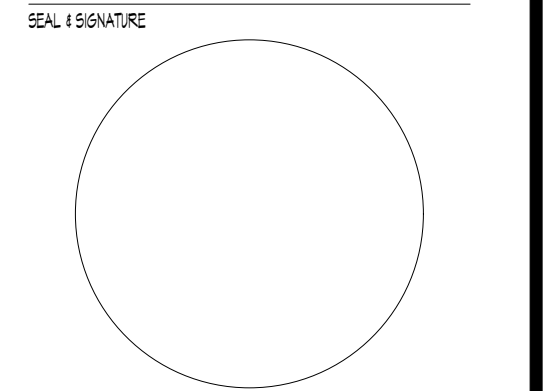
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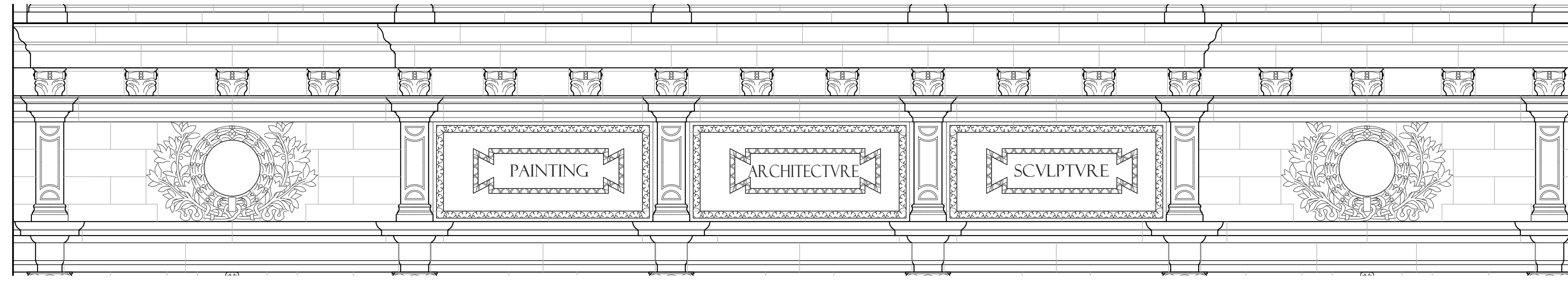
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4TH FLOOR



2 W 5TH STREET BUILDING LETTERING - 4TH FLOOR EXISTING  
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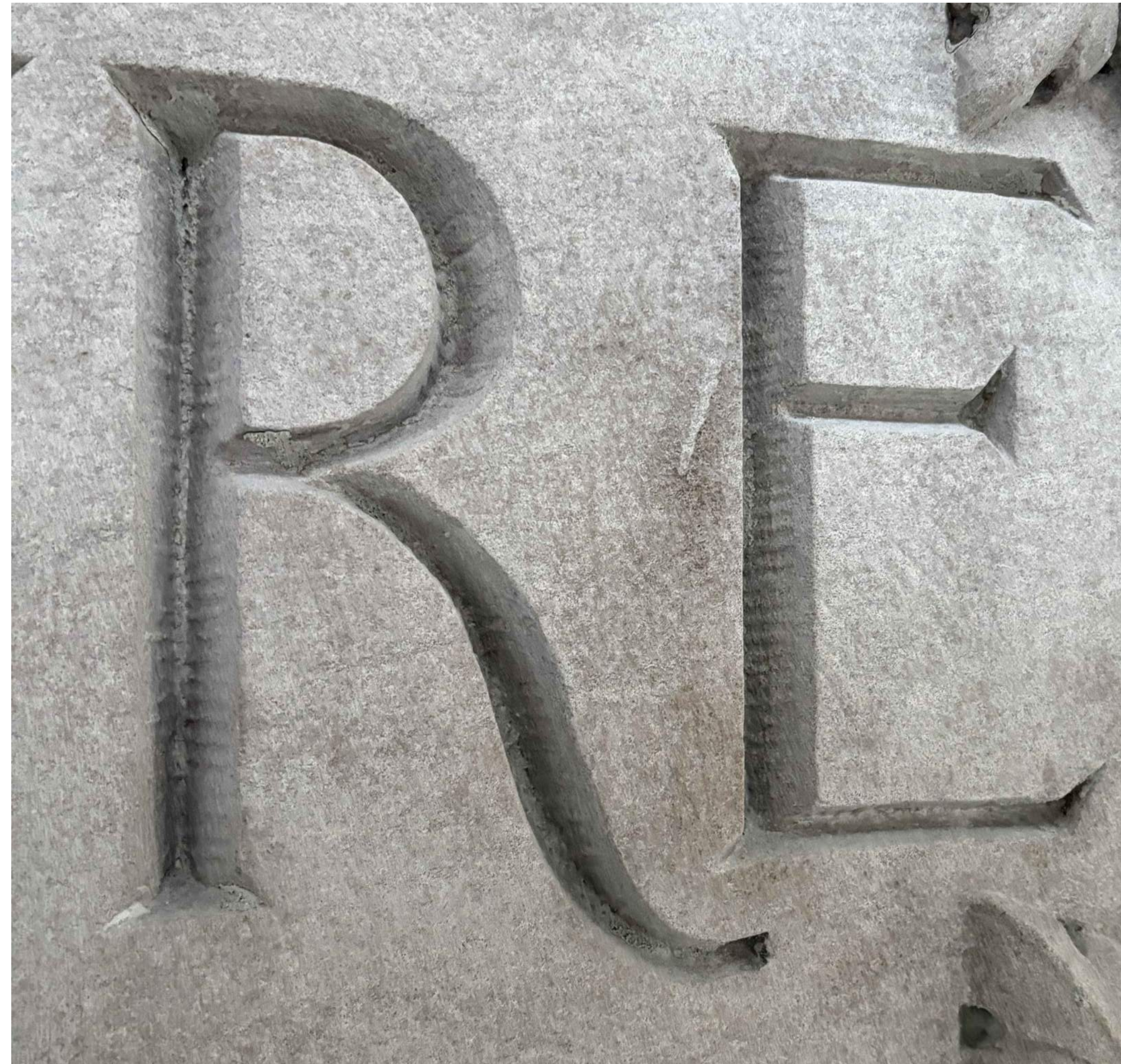
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3 W 5TH STREET BUILDING LETTERING - 4TH FLOOR EXISTING  
SCALE: N.T.S.



4 W 5TH STREET BUILDING LETTERING - 4TH FLOOR EXISTING, DETAIL  
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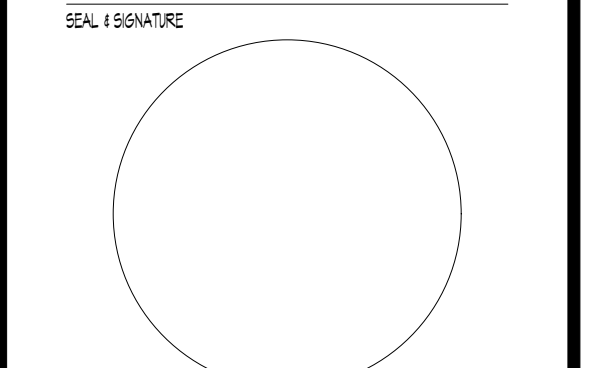
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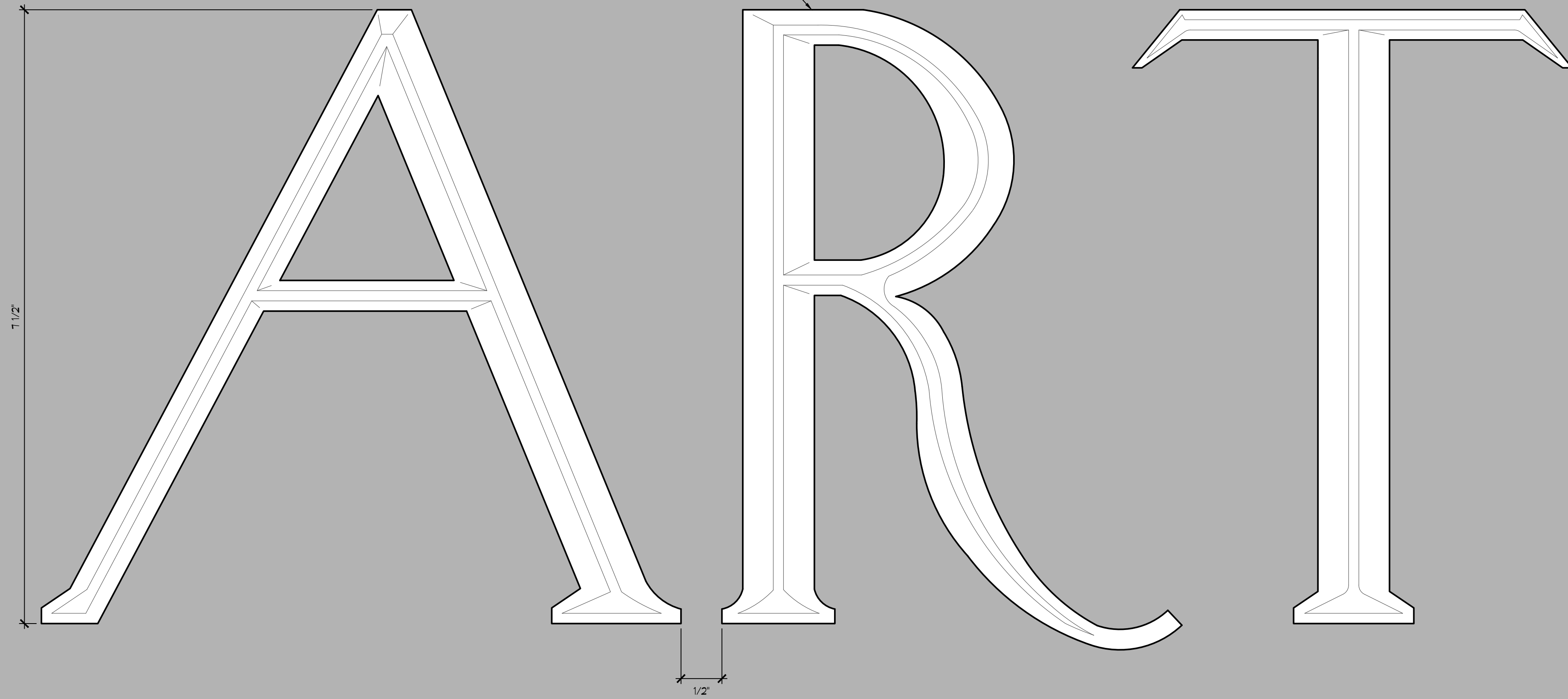
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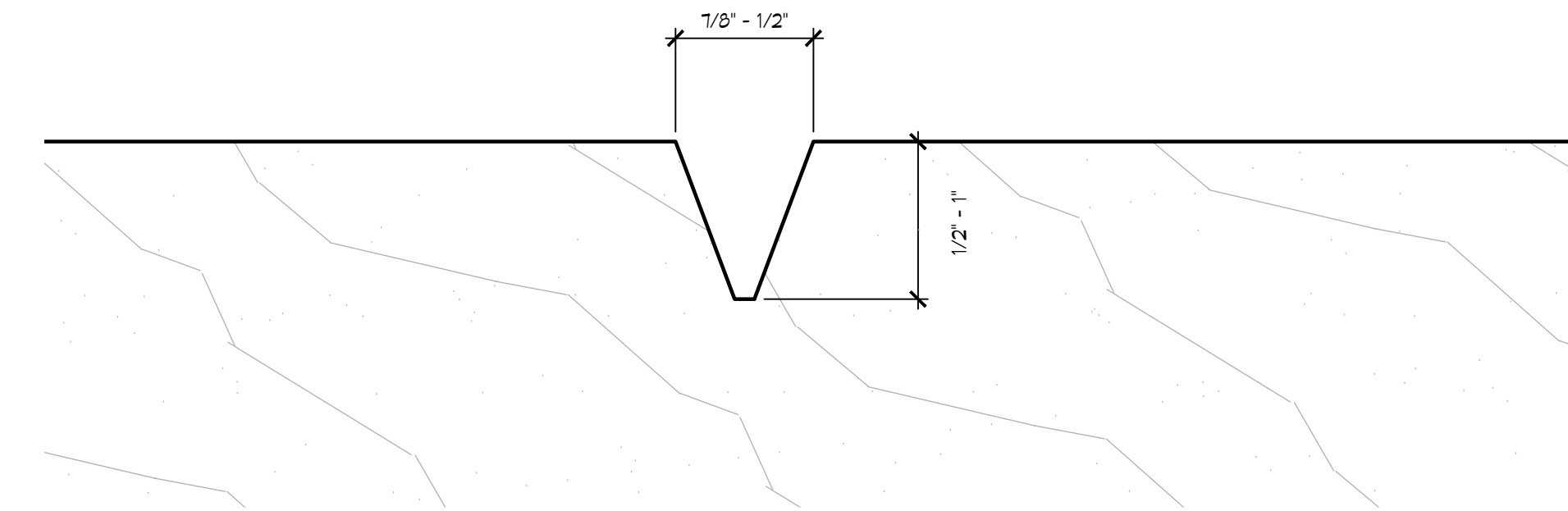
LETTER STYLE TO MATCH  
EXISTING AT 4TH FLOOR, TYPICAL.



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2 PHOTOGRAPH OF INCISED LETTERING MOCKUP



3 W 5TH STREET BUILDING LETTERING SECTION - PROPOSED  
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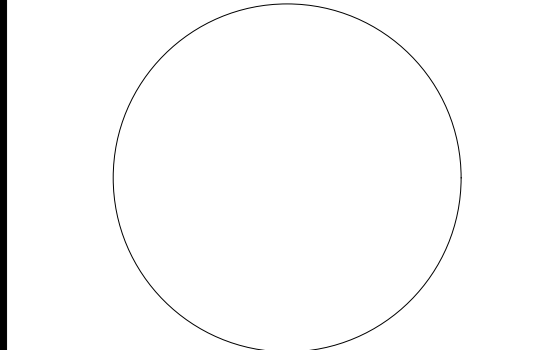
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