



NEW YORK CITY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION LAUNCHES LANDMARKS.NYC

Commission unveils website in honor of its 50th anniversary

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the agency has launched landmarks.nyc, a new website highlighting a year-long series of digital features and free to low cost events at landmark sites throughout New York City.

On April 19th 1965, in response to the mounting losses of historic buildings, most notably, Pennsylvania Station Mayor Robert F. Wagner signed the Landmarks Law. The law created the Landmarks Preservation Commission and gave the agency the authority to designate and preserve landmark structures throughout New York City. In the five decades since Mayor Wagner signed the Landmarks Law, the Commission has designated over 32,000 buildings as New York City Landmarks or as part of one of the 113 New York City Historic Districts.

According to the Landmarks Law, the purpose of safeguarding the buildings and places that represent New York City's cultural, social, economic, political, and architectural history is to stabilize and improve property values; foster civic pride; protect and enhance the City's attractions to tourists; strengthen the economy of the City; and promote the use of historic districts, landmarks, interior landmarks, and scenic landmarks for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people of the City. The website will highlight the history of the law, inviting a new generation of New Yorkers to learn more about the history of preservation in New York City.

The 50th Anniversary of the Landmarks Preservation Commission will be celebrated in partnership with landmark sites in all five boroughs, the Landmarks Preservation Foundation, and the Museum of the City of New York, where an exhibition co-sponsored by the Commission, "Saving Place: 50 Years of New York City Landmarks" will be on view from April 21st to September 13th.

In addition to featuring monthly upcoming events, landmarks.nyc will be continuously updated with slide shows from LPC's historic photo archives, blog posts on New York City Landmark buildings, and walking tours of historic sites throughout the city.

"The character of our city emerges from its built environment and for the last fifty years the Landmarks Preservation Commission has served New Yorkers by protecting our architecturally, historically, and culturally significant sites," said Commission Chair Meenakshi Srinivasan. "The 50th Anniversary website allows New Yorkers and visitors of all generations to enjoy looking back at what we have achieved while enjoying all of the wonderful programming that New York City Landmarks offer."

The Landmarks Preservation Commission is the mayoral agency responsible for protecting and preserving New York City's architecturally, historically and culturally significant buildings and sites. Since its creation in 1965, LPC has granted landmark status to approximately 32,743

buildings and sites, including 1347 individual landmarks, 117 interior landmarks, 10 scenic landmarks, 113 historic districts and 20 historic district extensions in all five boroughs. Under the City's landmarks law, considered among the most powerful in the nation, the Commission must be comprised of at least three architects, a historian, a realtor, a planner or landscape architect, as well as a representative of each borough.

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