

Gymnasium Residence

New York, New York



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This 6,000 square foot apartment is located in the former gymnasium of the original Beaux Arts, New York City, Police Headquarters Building.

The intention was to physically maintain and visually exploit the volumetric integrity and structural expression of the existing barrel vaulted space, while adding a master bedroom suite and study/library balcony, and integrating an eclectic painting and sculpture collection.

On the main level of the twenty-five foot high, steel trussed volume, is the multi-use living/ dining/ entertainment/gallery articulated by custom designed, space defining furniture. At the east end of the space is the master bedroom suite, and study/library balcony accessed by an exposed stair, which rotates at the landing, and runs parallel, behind the existing longitudinal steel truss, to attic guest bedrooms, over the kitchen, master baths and dressing rooms.

The study/library balcony is suspended under the east end of the barrel vault and revealed from the master bedroom below, by a continuous radial skylight in the floor, articulating its separation while maintaining the volumetric extension.

The floor of the balcony defines the bedroom ceiling, floating asymmetrically within the existing orthogonal building frame, articulating its objectiveness and sectional variation.

Three large skylights were inserted into the south side of the barrel vaulted roof, providing natural light into the longitudinal internal façade of the space and revealing the classic building pediment above.

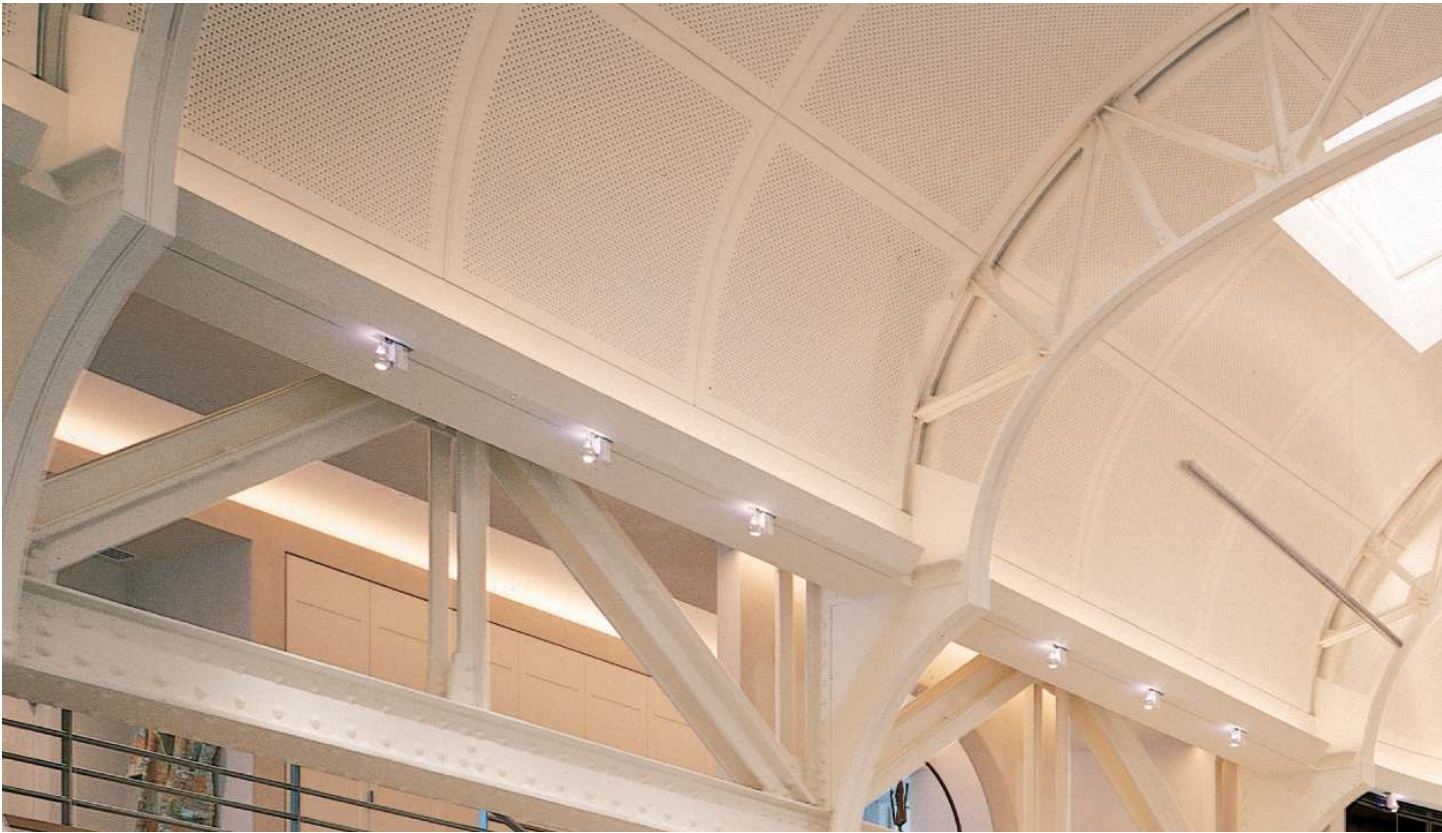
1 Exterior view of the former gymnasium in the former Police Headquarters Building

2 Existing conditions prior to renovation

3 View of living/dining room from library



Second level balcony overlook



View of living room from dining room

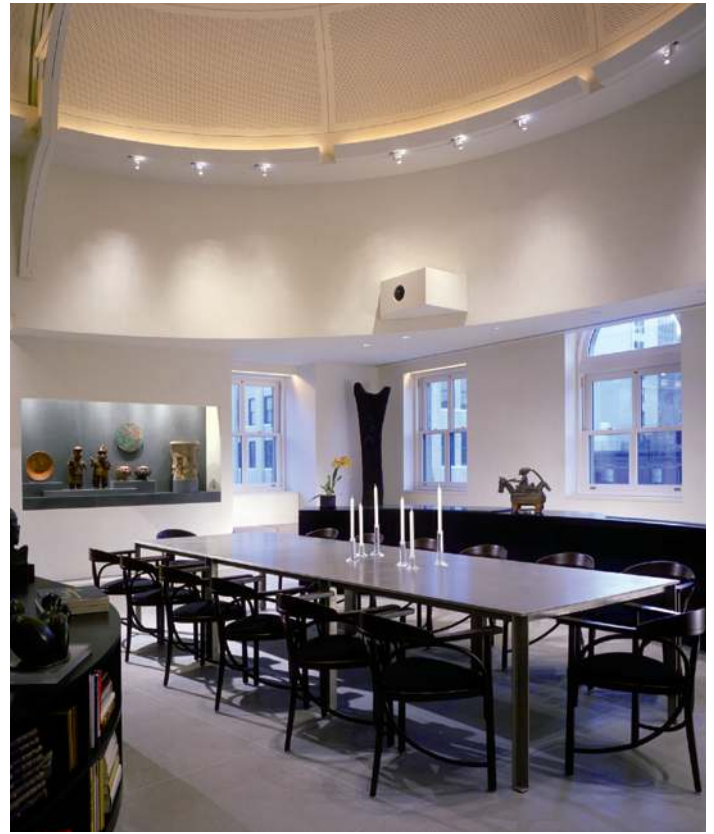
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View of living/dining from master bedroom



Second level balcony



Dining room



Master bedroom

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Library with master bedroom below

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Key Project Information

- Adaptive reuse of a pre-existing gymnasium for the New York City Police Headquarters
 - Multi-use living, dining, entertainment, gallery space
 - Custom designed furniture
 - Inserted skylights provide natural light while revealing the classic building pediment above
 - Architecture integrates client painting and sculpture collection
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- completion 2002
 - gsf 6,000



Stair to second level