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Design firm **Paul Davis New York** ushers in a new era for a New York City landmark

Transforming an apartment in one of Manhattan's most coveted prewar buildings on Central Park—untouched since its construction nearly 100 years ago—was an opportunity interior designer Paul Davis recently embraced, with an eye on reflecting the past while reimagining such a storied space into a contemporary home.

"We wanted to refresh the old-world DNA of this apartment," Davis says, "and worked to meet the client's needs while echoing the

historic sensibility of the building."

Sought after for his highly personalized and beautifully curated spaces throughout New York City, the Hamptons, Connecticut, and beyond—from custom designing a beach home for a large family to building a barn-style retirement home in the country to renovating an iconic city loft—it is Davis' hallmark knack for elevating the experience of living at home that has earned him accolades. "Good design can truly improve quality of life," he explains.

The gut renovation imbued the apartment with old-world charm, including aged marble and oak herringbone floors, carved stone sinks, steel and antique glass panels and doors, and a kitchen replete with custom cabinetry and a La Cornue range. "It's a contemporary space that offers a reflection of its past," Davis says. "There is a timelessness you want to preserve in buildings like these, and we've achieved that here."

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Vintage French sconces and geometric travertine details over the fireplace modernize this living room. Steel and antique glass panels surround the center hall table and visually connect the common spaces. An amber-tinted glass chandelier and a custom bronze buffet and stone dining table create an artsy dining room.

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