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Jamshed Bharucha
President
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7 East 7th Street
New York, NY 10003

Dear Dr. Bharucha:

On behalf of the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation (GVSHP), I am writing to express the importance of the St. Mark's Bookshop to the Village community.

Each year, GVSHP salutes the people, places, and businesses that add to the distinct community of Greenwich Village, the East Village, and NoHo through its Village Awards program. In 2007, St. Mark's Bookshop was presented an award recognizing its importance as an independent bookseller, abundant inventory of unusual titles, and inclusion of small press and foreign journals. Its location near three different universities, including Cooper Union, and on the divide between two historically literary neighborhoods also places St. Mark's Bookshop in a vital location to those who require a little bit more in a bookstore. The characteristics that prompted GVSHP to award St. Mark's Bookshop mean as much to us and the community as they did in 2007.

In an age of big box bookstores, it is that much more important that smaller, specialty shops such as St. Mark's have an affordable home in the communities that value them. We hope that Cooper Union will look favorably on tenants so important to our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Andrew Berman
Executive Director