

The historic Provincetown Playhouse and Apartments, 133-139 MacDougal Street

NYU has announced plans to demolish the Provincetown Playhouse, considered the birthplace of Off-Broadway theater and one of the most important sites in the history of 20th century American theater. It was a launching pad for Eugene O'Neill, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Samuel Beckett, Edward Albee, John Guare, Sam Shepherd, and Charles Busch, among others. Demolition would be a clear abrogation of NYU's recent commitment to the Borough President's NYU Community Task Force that they would "prioritize...re-use before new development" for their properties, and to support landmark designation of a South Village Historic District, of which the Playhouse is a key part.

NYU will soon be presenting its demolition and new construction plans to Community Board #2; the public will have the opportunity to respond and give its opinions.

TELL NYU NOT TO DEMOLISH THE PROVINCE TOWN PLAYHOUSE?

Come to the Public Hearing: Wednesday, May 28th at 6:30 pm NYU Law School Vanderbilt Hall 40 Wash. Sq. So., Greenburg Lounge

Write to NYU telling them to SAVE the Provincetown Playhouse - use the sample letter at www.gvshp.org/ProvincetownLtr.htm.

For more information, see www.gvshp.org/PTown.htm, or contact the Greenwich Village Society at 212/475-9585 or gvshp@gvshp.org.

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