URBAN D.C. Inc

Building Restoration ~ Contractors & Engineers

Project

New York University
Institute of Fine Art
Duke Mansion
78th Street
New York, NY

Scope of Work

Cleaning & repair of limestone facade

Historic skylights

Terra cotta tile roof

Bluestone sidewalk

Professionals

Wank Adams Slavin Architects

Photo above: Completion of full restoration of Duke Mansion.

Photo far left: Urban D.C.'s in-house crew resetting limestone facade elements.

Photo left: Urban D.C.'s in-house crew core drills wall in preparation for setting stones.

Duke Mansion is the most expansive and probably the best known building designed by Horace Trumbauer in New York. This Palatial Residential Architect's work is now the home to NYU's Institute of Fine Art. Specialty contractor Urban D.C. was hired by New York University's Department of Design and Construction to complete a full restoration of the facade, roof and skylights.

The limestone exterior required extensive cleaning and repair. The mansion's main ornamental architectural elements including the entablature and the window architraves required replacement or sculpting-in-place. Missing elements were fabricated and installed. Historic mortars were matched. The terracotta roof tile was replaced, along with decorative copper. New historic skylights were fabricated and installed. The final scope of work included restoration of the bluestone sidewalk.

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