Fire Hook & Ladder Company No.14

Individual Landmark 120 East 125th Street

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Fire Hook & Ladder Company No.14. Photo by Lorraine Colbert

Fire Hook & Ladder Company No. 14 (now Fire Engine Company No. 36), 120 East 125th Street, Manhattan. New York City Preservation Commission Fire Hook & Ladder Company No. 14 (now Fire Engine Company No. 36) Designation Report. Photo by Carl Forster.

Fire Hook & Ladder Company No. 14, built in 1888–89, was designed by the architectural firm of N. LeBrun & Sons in the Romanesque Revival style. Between 1880 and 1895, N. LeBrun & Sons helped to define the Fire Department's expression of civic architecture, both functionally and symbolically, in more than 40 buildings.

Hook & Ladder No. 14 is characteristic of N. LeBrun & Sons' numerous mid-block firehouses, reflecting the firm's attention to materials, stylistic detail, plan, and setting. Built on the site of an earlier volunteer fire company, and then a professional suburban company, this firehouse

also represents nearly 150 years of the New York Fire Department's history. Since 1975, it has been the home of Fire Engine Co. No. 36.

The building is currently the home of the Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute (CCADI), a 40-year old arts and culture organization serving the East Harlem Community.

Read the full NYC LPC designation report here.