

MUSEUM OF MODERN ART SCULPTURE GARDEN

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The Abby Aldrich Rockefeller garden at The Museum of Modern Art was designed by Philip Johnson in 1953 and has been loved as an exquisite urban outdoor room ever since. In 1988, distress was noted in the wall that separated the garden from 54th Street. After some investigation, it was decided to rebuild the garden wall and perform additional repairs to the fountains, the stone paving and the steps from the museum lobby. Construction Documents were prepared for the repairs and filed with New York City Building Department and the Landmarks Department. Construction began in February of 1989 and was completed three months later, in May.

Special care was taken to match the original materials used in the garden construction. Stone from a quarry that had closed in the 1960s was obtained and cut to create the steps, pavement and coping. Brick was fabricated specifically to match the original brick used for the garden wall. The fountains utilized state of the art technology to match the original design intent and return this important New York garden to its original form.



Client: The Museum of Modern Art
Completion Date: 1953/1964/1989