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NEW YORK BROWNSTONE OF ARTIST ELAINE LUSTIG COHEN ASKS \$11 MILLION

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Ms. Cohen, who died in October, owned the Upper East Side townhouse for more than 50 years.

The Manhattan home of the late graphic designer and artist Elaine Lustig Cohen will list for \$10.995 million, according to co-listing agent David Kornmeier of Brown Harris Stevens.

Ms. Cohen, who died in October at age 89, was known for her work designing signage, book covers and museum catalogs. She later focused on abstract paintings and collages.

Ms. Cohen moved into the five-story Upper East Side townhouse in 1962 with her second husband, writer Arthur A. Cohen, according to their daughter Tamar Cohen. Ms. Cohen used the top floor as a studio and altered the windows so she could lower canvases out the window, her daughter wrote in an email. Starting in the 1970s, the Cohens ran a rare-book store called Ex Libris on the garden floor of their brownstone. When Ms. Cohen closed the store after Mr. Cohen's death, she rented the space to a gallery.

The Italianate brownstone, built in the 1870s, measures about 7,590 square feet. There is a terrace off the fourth floor and a back garden. A portion of the garden floor currently contains the gallery, but it is moving and the building will be delivered vacant, said Mr. Kornmeier, who has the listing with colleague Jasna Perucic. The property hasn't been renovated in decades, Mr. Kornmeier said, so "it needs a lot of updating."

Ms. Cohen's furnishings are still on display in the home and are slated to be auctioned at a later date, but Mr. Kornmeier said he decided to keep them in the home for now "as a tribute to the owner." The buyer of the house could potentially purchase the furniture from Ms. Cohen's estate, but that would be a separate negotiation, he said.



Artist Elaine Lustig Cohen, who died in October, had lived in this Upper East Side townhouse since the 1960s, according to her daughter Tamar Cohen. Ms. Cohen and her second husband, writer Arthur A. Cohen, ran a rare-book store called Ex Libris on the garden floor from the 1970s to the 1990s.

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