

A step up for museum's stairs

Staff reports

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Workers are conducting maintenance on the State Museum grand staircase as part of a large-scale program this season in the Empire State Plaza area.

Other projects include elevator rehabilitation in the Corning Tower and escalator replacement in the Capitol.

The staircase work is required after maintenance was put off for many years, resulting in leaks and water damage.

Specific tasks include removing all of the granite steps from the grand staircase, storing them onsite, and then replacing all of the waterproofing membrane, flashings, and drainage systems within the grand staircase.

The granite steps will then be reset when the new waterproofing measures are complete.

Work also includes removing all exterior marble panels and replacing all the flashings.

The marble panels will then be reset and re-caulked.

Repairs will also be made to the masonry textured ceiling under the grand staircase over Madison Avenue.