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**FOX TROT:** Jean Thomas-Fox is in contract to buy an Apthorp condo for around \$2.5 million.

## Singer heads 'backup' town

**Jean Thomas-Fox** — the 1960s backup singer for legends like Ella Fitzgerald — is leaving 88 Central Park West for the Apthorp.

Thomas-Fox has sold her apartment at 88 CPW (where residents include **Sting**) to hedge funder **Paolo Pellegrini** for close to \$10 million. And now Thomas-Fox and her husband, writer **Ray Errol Fox**, have signed a contract to buy a two-bedroom in the Apthorp for around \$2.5 million.

"I've always loved the Apthorp," Thomas-Fox says. "It's one of New York's great prewar buildings."

The Fox family lived at 88 CPW for 38 years. That building is where they raised daughters **Haley Fox Eisenberg** and **Lauren Fox**, the owners of Alice's Tea Cup, which has locations on the Upper East Side and the Upper West Side.

"It was a great family building," Thomas-Fox says. "But it's time to downsize and travel more."