

BRITISH MEMORIAL GARDEN TRUST  
TO BREAK GROUND  
MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
FOR NEW GARDEN FOR NEW YORK

April 15, 2005, New York City: The Directors of the British Memorial Garden Trust, Inc. have announced that on May 10<sup>th</sup> they will hold a groundbreaking ceremony at Hanover Square in Lower Manhattan, future home of the new commemorative garden. The ceremony, which will be attended by officials and representatives from the City of New York and the New York Department of Parks & Recreation, will take place at 10:30 a.m.

The British Memorial Garden, which has been in development for over two years, is set to begin the site-construction phase of the garden. The building of the park, which includes the laying of new paving stones, the introduction of all new benches and the planting of flowers, shrubs and whimsical topiaries, is scheduled to take approximately a year.

“The groundbreaking will be a historic moment for the British Memorial Garden and all those who have worked so energetically to bring it to this point,” said Camilla G. Hellman, president of the British Memorial Garden Trust, Inc.

The British Memorial Garden will both commemorate the 67 British victims of the World Trade Center attacks as well as celebrate the historic ties of friendship and unity between the United States and the United Kingdom. Hanover Square is located three blocks from Ground

Zero and comprises a triangular area equivalent to three-quarters-of-an-acre.

The garden has been designed by the renowned British landscape architects Julian and Isabel Bannerman as a unique blend of a traditional 17<sup>th</sup> century topiary garden and modern landscape elements. The project will transform one of New York's most historic squares into a green space, helping in the revitalization of Lower Manhattan. The British Memorial Garden sculpture to Unity by British artist Anish Kapoor will anchor the park, which is a gift to the City and people of New York from the Anglo-American community and its friends.

Under the auspices of the British Memorial Garden Trust, Inc., which has the Royal patronage of HRH The Prince of Wales, a fund-raising campaign has been launched to build and support this important international initiative.

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