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NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM LAUNCHES ONLINE ARTISTS REGISTRY

Public Invited to Contribute to New Virtual Gallery for Art Created in Response to the Events of September 11
New Creative Commons Licensing to Allow Public Access and Sharing
New Feature Part of Re-Designed Website

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum today launched the Artists Registry, a dynamic web feature. The publicly accessible Registry provides a virtual gallery of art created in response to the attacks of September 11, and includes contributions made by a diverse artistic community using varied media – visual, tactile and auditory. The public is invited to contribute to the Artists Registry, which the National September 11 Memorial & Museum expects will be an ever-expanding resource of response art. The Registry will use Creative Commons licensing to allow for public access and sharing of work. The Registry was introduced in conjunction with the launch of the Memorial & Museum's re-designed website, www.national911memorial.org.

"September 11, 2001, caused people to draw upon their creative talents in a variety of artistic and meaningful ways," said Memorial & Museum President Joe Daniels. "Creating a forum to allow continuing artistic expression and a repository to showcase this is important. The art that continues to be created in response to the attacks is a significant aspect of transforming the pain of what happened on that day into hope and inspiration for the future."

The Registry is intended to serve as an expansive, user-responsive resource not only for the artistic community but also for scholars, researchers, students, journalists, and the public. The Registry allows contributors to include up to 12 images, audio or video files, an artist's statement and resumé or biography. Each individual online portfolio can be enhanced with supplementary descriptive information and self-selected thematic tags.

Visitors to the Registry can browse the database by artist name, location, creation date, medium and themes. Account creators may also save favorite artwork to a personalized "lightbox" and share these favorites with friends by email. As a result of initial outreach undertaken by the Museum during the Registry's design development, there are currently 171 registered users and more than 800 images and other digital files already available to explore in the database.

"The Artists Registry reflects the democratic breadth of artistic response to the tragedy of the September 11 terrorist attacks and their aftermath," said Memorial Museum Director Alice M. Greenwald. "We invite the public to explore and if they choose, to contribute to this growing digital resource that will be a vital component of the Museum's archive."

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The Registry implements Creative Commons' licenses, allowing contributors the ability to assign licenses to individual works. The Memorial & Museum and Creative Commons will continue to work to establish and encourage free, facilitated public access to various cultural and historic resources collected by the Museum.

"Creative Commons is excited that the National September 11 Memorial Museum has chosen to implement our licenses into their new Artists Registry," Creative Commons CEO Joi Ito said. "By using our licenses in the Registry, artists can express to the world how they want their creative works to be shared and reused. The decision also represents how the Memorial & Museum has taken an important step forward in adapting their mission and institution to the digital culture of sharing."

Creative Commons provides free tools that enable authors, scientists, artists and educators to readily designate their creative work with the specific uses and permissions they wish to apply. Creative Commons licenses provide a flexible range of protections and freedoms for authors, artists, and educators that build upon the "all rights reserved" concept of traditional copyright to offer a voluntary "some rights reserved" approach.

The Artists Registry can be accessed at: http://registry.national911memorial.org.

The Memorial & Museum's re-designed website, www.national911memorial.org, expands on the content previously offered, presenting educational information about the events of September 11, 2001, February 26, 1993, and related terrorist attacks; resources for visitors to the World Trade Center site; designs and plans for the Memorial & Museum; and ways to join the community of people who are dedicated to helping create the Memorial & Museum. In the coming months, additional new multi-media features will be added.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum is the not-for-profit corporation created to oversee the design, raise the funds, and program and operate the Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center site. The Memorial & Museum will be located on eight of the 16 acres of the site.

The Memorial will remember and honor the nearly three thousand people who died in the horrific attacks of February 26, 1993, and September 11, 2001. The design, created by Michael Arad and Peter Walker, consists of two pools that reside in the footprints of the original Twin Towers, surrounded by a plaza of oak trees. The Arad/Walker design was selected from a design competition that included more than 5,000 entrants from 63 nations.

The Museum will display monumental artifacts associated with the events of September 11, while presenting intimate stories of loss, compassion, reckoning and recovery that are central to telling the story of September 11 and its aftermath. It will communicate key messages that embrace both the specificity and the universal implications of the events of 9/11; document the impact of those events on individual lives, as well as on local, national, and international communities; and explore the continuing significance of these events for our global community.

Donations can be made through and more information can be found at the Memorial & Museum's website, www.national911memorial.org, or by calling 1-877-WTC-GIVE.

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