



9/11 memorial Preview Site opens

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The National September 11 Memorial & Museum today (August 26, 2009) opened a 9/11 memorial Preview Site at Ground Zero in downtown New York City. According to Joe Daniels, Memorial & Museum president, the site provides the public with an opportunity to learn about the Memorial and Museum, to view the construction progress at the World Trade Center site and to participate in the creation of the museum by sharing their 9/11 stories. Information about plans for the 9/11 Memorial and Museum will be provided through display models and other project renderings, a gathering of monumental artifacts associated with the events of September 11, and a historic timeline.

[Earthcam](#), the participating webcam company whose motto is "where the world watches the world," sought to preserve a comprehensive visual history of the 9/11 event within minutes after it occurred. Its new role will be to provide real-time images of the progress in reconstruction being made using new 72 megapixel panorama robotic cameras, Brian Cury, EarthCam CEO and founder explained. These time-lapse video images available on the Internet may be found [here](#).

Participation on-site

Visitors to the Preview Site will have the opportunity to make history by sharing their 9/11 stories with the museum. An on-site booth will allow the public to make three-minute recordings that will contribute to the museum's planned introductory exhibition. Created will be a soundscape of people remembering where they were on September 11, 2001 and how they learned of the attacks. The recording will be interpreted in multiple languages.

The booth also will be used periodically to record 40-minute remembrances for the national oral history project, StoryCorps. In 2006 the 9/11 Memorial and StoryCorps formed a partnership in which they attempted to collect at least one interview memorializing each of the victims of the September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993 attacks. Highlights from this digital archive of tributes will be available at kiosks at the Preview Site.

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum is a not-for-profit corporation created to oversee the design by Micael Arad and Peter Walker, raise the funds and to program and operate the 9/11 memorial at the World Trade Center site. The memorial and museum remembering and honoring the nearly 3,000 people who died in both the attacks on the World Trade Center will be located on eight of the 16 acres of the site.

Arad and Walker were winners of a memorial design competition that included 5,000 entrants from 63 countries. Their design consists of two pools that reside in the footprints of the original Twin Towers surrounded by a plaza of oak trees.

The role of the museum will be to communicate key messages that embrace both the specificity and universal implications of the events of 9/11; document the impact of these events on individual lives as well as on local, national and international communities; and explore the continuing significance of these events for the global community.