

TREES

By Joyce Kilmer

I think that I shall never see
A Poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast,
A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer, wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.



CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully
defend from waste the natural resources of my country—
its air, soil, and minerals,
its forests, waters, and wildlife.

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Alfred Nobel Monument Ground Breaking

Theodore Roosevelt Park, Manhattan
81st Street and Columbus Avenue
Monday, December 17, 2001
11:30 AM



Alfred Nobel Monument, Designed by Sivert Lindblom



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Alfred Nobel Monument

Three years ago at an annual Nobel dinner held at the Consulate General of Sweden, the idea for a monument celebrating the American recipients of the prize was conceived. Its construction was widely supported as a way to honor the centennial anniversary of the prize, which was first awarded on December 10, 1901. Parks and the Consulate General of Sweden in New York joined together to plan the monument which will be erected in New York City, home to many Nobel laureates. Theodore Roosevelt Park was considered a perfect home for the monument. The park is named after the U.S. President who, in 1906, was the first American to win a Nobel Prize—it was for Peace.

Sivert Lindblom, a renowned Swedish artist whose work includes the Stockholm Holocaust monument, designed a monolith with four sides of rough-hewn red Swedish Granite resting on a round of black diabase. Two steps lead to the monolith and a black, polished diabase quarter-round (12" diam.) rests at the bottom corners of the monument. This motif is repeated at the top, where each corner is capped by a small sphere, this time of gilded bronze. The front side, facing north, carries a round, 3'5" diameter, bronze medallion suggestive of the actual award and bearing the likeness of Alfred Nobel below it is the text "Swedish Inventor, Industrialist, Philanthropist and Humanist." The remaining three sides of the monument bear the text: "American Recipients of the Nobel Prize." Beneath this is the chronological list of all the American recipients of the prize to date and their category. Space has been left on the monument for future prize winners.

The prize was created by Alfred Nobel (1833-1896) who, having a great fortune and no immediate heirs, stated that his money should go to a new foundation that would divide up his estate "in the form of prizes to those who during the preceding year have conferred the greatest benefit on mankind." Prizes are awarded in the areas of physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature, "work for fraternity of nations," and economics.

For more information on the project please visit the website:

www.swedeninfo.com/nobelmonument



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He can be reached at (212) 408-0295.

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Nobel Prize Laureate 2000

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Borough Commissioner

"TREES"

VIOLIN PERFORMANCE

Laura Shifely
Jazz at Lincoln Center

UNVEILING OF PLANS

GROUND BREAKING

Reception to Follow
Residence of the Consul General of Sweden,
600 Park Avenue at 64th Street