Monumental Women

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Bronze Pour of Monumental Women's First Statue of Real Women in Central Park (Video)

Statue of Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton to be Unveiled on Centennial Anniversary of Women Winning Right to Vote – August 26, 2020

(New York, NY) – The bronze has been poured (VIEW HERE) for Central Park's first statue of real women, the Women's Rights Pioneers Monument, created by the all-volunteer, nonprofit Monumental Women. The monument, honoring Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, will be unveiled on Central Park's Literary Walk on August 26, 2020, the centennial anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, when women won the right to vote.

"After 7 long years of hard work, and 167 years after the founding of Central Park, we are thrilled and excited that Monumental Women has finally broken the bronze ceiling to honor real women in the Park." said Pam Elam, President of Monumental Women, the nonprofit group that created the idea and managed the project, led the way through NYC bureaucracy, raised the private funding, advocated for its placement in Central Park, and commissioned the nationally-recognized sculptor Meredith Bergmann to design the statue.

Currently there are 23 statues of real men in Central Park; women are "represented" through fictional characters like Alice in Wonderland, Mother Goose, and Juliet (with Romeo). Monumental Women began working to address this inequality in 2014 and, on August 26th, will unveil a beautiful work of art honoring three New York Women who devoted their lives to fighting for equality and justice. Sculptor Meredith Bergmann's design depicts them working at a table, with each representing an essential element of activism: Sojourner Truth is speaking, Susan B. Anthony is organizing, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton is writing.

About Monumental Women

Monumental Women's future goals include a Women's History Education Campaign, a Challenge to Municipalities across this country to re-imagine their public spaces to honor all women and people of color, and the creation of a New York City Women's Rights Trail throughout all five boroughs.

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