

The Woodlawn Cemetery and Conservancy Unveils First-Ever Restoration of Historic Samuel Untermyer Family Tomb

BRONX, NY, UNITED STATES, September 9, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [The Woodlawn Cemetery and Conservancy](#) will soon unveil the completed restoration of the historic Samuel Untermyer family tomb, a remarkable work of architecture and sculpture that has been restored for the first time since its creation in the 1920s.

The restoration represents a major preservation milestone for Woodlawn and brings new attention to one of the cemetery's most distinctive monuments. The Untermyer mausoleum was designed by renowned architect Paul Chalfin, best known for his work at Vizcaya in Miami, and features sculpture by celebrated American artist Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, founder of the Whitney Museum of American Art.

"It has been a pleasure to work with the Untermyer Family to restore this unique and important monument which is one of the largest lots at Woodlawn Cemetery. We hope all who visit will be moved by the beautiful sculpture and landscape that have been restored at this site," said Christopher Jeannopoulos, President and CEO of Woodlawn Cemetery and



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The project is a result of a partnership between the Woodlawn Cemetery and Conservancy, the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy, and Samuel Untermyer's great-grandson Frank Irwin Untermyer and his son, preservationist Adrian Untermyer. The restoration echoes the remarkable revitalization of Untermyer Gardens, the nationally recognized historic garden created by Samuel Untermyer.

"Just like Untermyer Gardens in Yonkers, the Untermyer Tomb at Woodlawn now shines like new again after a meticulous multi-year restoration," said Adrian Untermyer, Preservationist and great-great-grandson of Samuel Untermyer. "We can't wait to see how this reborn patch of green space uplifts and inspires the people of the Bronx over the months and years to come."

The completed restoration will be unveiled during a commemorative dedication on October 3, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery.

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About The Woodlawn Conservancy:

The Woodlawn Conservancy is the 501c3 not-for-profit support organization for the Woodlawn Cemetery. The primary purpose of the Woodlawn Conservancy is to preserve and interpret the Woodlawn Cemetery (est 1863), a 400-acre National Historic Landmark and Level II Arboretum. Our mission is accomplished through a robust schedule of public programs and the use of the cemetery as an outdoor learning lab. The Conservancy's signature program is Bridge to Crafts Careers, a workforce development initiative where young people 16-24 are introduced to careers in historic preservation, with intensive training that leads to entry-level positions in masonry and landscape restoration and maintenance. Throughout the year, the Conservancy hosts concerts, author's talks, and a series of thematic tours designed for students, affinity groups, and the general public. These programs celebrate the legacy of the individuals in Woodlawn's care, the inventory of trees, and the architects and artisans that created the significant memorials on our grounds. For more information, visit www.woodlawn.org.



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About The Woodlawn Cemetery:

Established in 1863 and spanning 400 acres, The Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx, New York, is one of the nation's most distinguished historic cemeteries and a certified Level II Arboretum. In 2011, Woodlawn was designated a National Historic Landmark for its singular importance in the history of the nation and New York City. Woodlawn is also an active cemetery with ongoing burials and funeral services, and more than 310,000 individuals are memorialized on its grounds. Woodlawn is one of the nation's finest examples of a 19th-century garden cemetery. Its monuments represent some of the best memorial art and architecture in the nation, including nearly 1,300 private mausoleums designed by some of the most prominent architects of the 20th century. The Woodlawn Cemetery is open to the public free of charge 365 days a year from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. For more information, visit www.woodlawn.org.

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