Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden to Commemorate the 25th Anniversary of 9/11 in Lower Manhattan

Public remembrance at Hanover Square brings families, British and Commonwealth representatives, first responders and civic leaders together on Sept. 11.



The Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden at Hanover Square in Lower Manhattan is a living memorial to British and Commonwealth victims of the Sept. 11 attacks and an enduring symbol of friendship among the United States, the United Kingdom and the Com

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Public Remembrance Ceremony Begins at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Hanover Square in Lower Manhattan

NEW YORK, Sept. 9, 2026 — The Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden will mark the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks with a free public remembrance ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. EDT Friday, Sept. 11, at the Garden in Hanover Square, Lower Manhattan.

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Bereaved families, Senior Representatives from the Commonwealth, First Responders, Serving Military Personnel and Civic Leaders will gather to honor those killed, stand with those who continue to grieve and recognize the courage, service and international solidarity that followed the attacks.

The program begins at 10 a.m., with bagpipes beginning at 10:10 a.m. At 10:28 a.m., a bell toll

and moment of silence will mark the collapse of the North Tower. At 11:10 a.m., families, Garden Directors, First Responders, Military Personnel and Diplomatic Representatives will lay white roses in remembrance, accompanied by the Edmonton Police Service Pipes and Drums Band. A second bell and moment of silence at 11:14 a.m. will honor those who died, or continue to suffer, from 9/11-related illnesses and injuries.

The program will include remarks by Chris Elmore MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office; Sir Christian Turner KCMG, His Majesty's Ambassador to the United States; Canadian Consul General Susannah Pierce; and Australian Consul-General Heather Ridout AO.

Soprano Amber Evans will perform the national anthems of the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada. The ceremony will also include a reflection and prayer by Father Luigi Gioia of St. Thomas Church, a piper's tribute by Pipe Major Mick Burgess and a First-Responder Remembrance led by Jose Camacho, Toronto Police Service (Ret.).



File photo from a previous observance at the x, Lower Manhattan. The Garden will host a free public remembrance ceremony beginning at 10:00 a.m. EDT on Friday, Sept. 11, 2026.



Jonathan Egan, a 9/11 Family Member and Co-CEO of the British Memorial Garden Trust, shares family reflections during a previous remembrance observance at the Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden in Hanover Square.

Nicholas Howard, Co-CEO of the British Memorial Garden Trust, said, "Twenty-five years on, this Garden is doing what it was planted to do. It is a small piece of Lower Manhattan where the United States, the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth stand on the same ground and remember the same people. On September 11, we do not mark a British loss or an American loss. We mark lives drawn from more than ninety nations, and we mark them together."

Howard is Co-CEO of the British Memorial Garden Trust, which administers the Garden.

Jonathan Egan, Co-CEO of the Trust and a 9/11 Family Member, said, “Grief is the price we pay for love. I was 18 years old when I lost my father and aunt on September 11th, and twenty-five years later, I am deeply grateful to everyone who has helped us take a sad song and make it better. Today, as a father myself, remembrance means making sure the next generation knows not only how our loved ones died, but how they lived and understands the courage, service and extraordinary unity that followed. We remember the past in the hope of protecting our future, because we cannot learn its lessons if we do not remember them.”

Egan lost his father and aunt in the attacks and is a Producer Partner at Lockton Companies.

Bradford E. Billet, CEM, OBE, 9/11 Responder and Executive Board Director, said, “On September 11, I was a responder, and I was there when the North Tower fell. We lost many of our own that day. It was not only an attack on New York; it was an attack on the free world. As the senior City official responsible for international affairs, within hours I was speaking with governments around the world, each asking the same question about its citizens. More than ninety nations lost people that day. New York served every family as it served its own, regardless of the passport they carried. That is one reason the world stood with America. We have an obligation, duty, and honor to never forget. This Garden is where we will always remember.”

Billet was a Deputy Commissioner in the New York City Mayor’s Office on 9/11 and coordinated the City’s international response following the attacks. Queen Elizabeth II appointed him an Honorary OBE for that work.

Luke Parker Bowles, Executive Board Director of the British Memorial Garden Trust, said, “This Garden stands as a testament to the years of dedication, generosity and heartfelt commitment from so many who have given their time, resources and, above all, their love to this vital project. The enduring support of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, our patron, His Majesty The King and the continued involvement of the Royal Family have further elevated the significance and legacy of this cherished sanctuary in the heart of Wall Street.”

Parker Bowles is an Executive Board Director of the British Memorial Garden Trust and a Film and Television Executive with production credits including *Love Actually*, *Pride & Prejudice* and *Atonement*. He is Chief Executive of Cinema Lab and previously served as Chairman of BAFTA New York.

The observance is free and open to the public. It is a standing event with no seating.

About the Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden

Created in the aftermath of Sept. 11 and officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II in 2010, the Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden is a living memorial to British and Commonwealth victims and an enduring expression of friendship among the United States, the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. Administered by the nonprofit British Memorial Garden Trust Inc., the

Garden remains a place of reflection, connection and hope in New York’s Financial District.

Media should check in with Luke Parker Bowles and arrive by 9 a.m. for setup. On-site interviews may be arranged before the program and immediately after the ceremony; remote interviews are available at short notice.

For full spokesperson biographies and interview availability, visit the **Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden Media Package**.
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