

QUEEN ELIZABETH II SEPTEMBER 11TH GARDEN

Hanover Square, New York | Administered by the British Memorial Garden Trust, Inc.

MEDIA ADVISORY

PRESS CONTACT
& MEDIA LIAISON

Luke Parker Bowles | +1 347 596 4781 | parkerbowles@gmail.com

25th Anniversary of September 11

Public remembrance ceremony at the Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden

WHAT	A free public memorial observance marking the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks, honoring the 67 British nationals and citizens of the Commonwealth killed that day, alongside all who were lost.
WHEN	Friday, September 11, 2026. Program begins at 10:00 a.m. EDT; bagpipes begin at 10:10 a.m.; closing remarks begin at 11:15 a.m.
WHERE	Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden, Hanover Square, New York, NY 10005, in the Financial District.
WHO	Bereaved families; Senior Representatives from the Commonwealth; Serving Military Personnel; First Responders from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and the United States; and Civic and Community Leaders.

Principal participants

United Kingdom: Chris Elmore MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office; Sir Christian Turner KCMG, His Majesty's Ambassador to the United States of America; Alex Milward, His Majesty's Trade Commissioner for North America and His Majesty's Consul General in New York; and Mel Lawrance, Deputy Consul General.

Commonwealth representatives: Heather Ridout AO, Consul-General of Australia in New York; Susannah Pierce, Consul General of Canada in New York; Sarah Mason, New Zealand Consul General and Trade Commissioner; Hon. Leroy Major, Consul General of The Bahamas; Ee Lin Chew, Consul General of Singapore; and H.E. Dr. Tapugao Falefou, Permanent Representative of Tuvalu to the United Nations.

Remembrance participants: Nicholas Howard; Jonathan Egan and Colin McHale, 9/11 family members; Bradford E. Billet, CEM, OBE, 9/11 Responder and Executive Board Director; Jose Camacho, Toronto Police Service (Ret.); Father Luigi Gioia, St. Thomas Church; Pipe Major Mick Burgess; and soprano Amber Evans.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II SEPTEMBER 11TH GARDEN

Hanover Square, New York | Administered by the British Memorial Garden Trust, Inc.

MEDIA ADVISORY - CONTINUED

Key visuals and moments

TIME	PROGRAM / VISUAL
10:10 a.m.	Bagpipes begin as guests gather in the Garden.
10:28 a.m.	Bell toll and moment of silence marking the collapse of the North Tower.
11:00 a.m.	National anthems performed by soprano Amber Evans: The Star-Spangled Banner, God Save the King and O Canada.
11:10 a.m.	White-rose laying by families, Garden directors, first responders, military personnel and diplomatic representatives, accompanied by the Edmonton Police Service Pipes and Drums Band.
11:14 a.m.	Second bell and moment of silence honoring those lost or suffering from 9/11-related illnesses and injuries.

Media access and interviews

This is a standing observance; there is no seating. Business attire or uniform is requested. Veterans and First Responders are encouraged to wear service medals. Media should check in with Luke Parker Bowles and arrive by 9:00 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.

Available spokespeople: Jonathan Egan (families and remembrance); Bradford E. Billet (9/11 response and international coordination); Nicholas Howard (the Garden and the Trust); and Luke Parker Bowles (the Garden's British and Commonwealth character and royal connection).

RSVP / interview requests: Luke Parker Bowles | +1 347 596 4781 | parkerbowles@gmail.com

QUEEN ELIZABETH II SEPTEMBER 11TH GARDEN

Hanover Square, New York | Administered by the British Memorial Garden Trust, Inc.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRESS CONTACT & MEDIA LIAISON

Luke Parker Bowles | +1 347 596 4781 | parkerbowles@gmail.com

Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden to Mark the 25th Anniversary of 9/11

Senior Representatives from the Commonwealth, Military Personnel and First Responders Will Gather at Hanover Square

NEW YORK, September 9, 2026 - The Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks with a free public remembrance ceremony on Friday, September 11, 2026, at Hanover Square in Lower Manhattan. The program begins at 10:00 a.m. EDT, with bagpipes beginning at 10:10 a.m.; a bell toll and moment of silence at 10:28 a.m.; and closing remarks at 11:15 a.m.

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.

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 includes 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 of America; Canadian Consul General Susannah Pierce; and Australian Consul-General Heather Ridout AO. Bradford E. Billet, CEM, OBE, 9/11 Responder and Executive Board Director, will deliver the Call to Remembrance; Jose Camacho, Toronto Police Service (Ret.), will lead the First-Responder Remembrance; and Jonathan Egan and Colin McHale will offer family remembrances.

The national anthems of the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada will be performed by soprano Amber Evans. The ceremony will also include a reflection and prayer by Father Luigi Gioia of St. Thomas Church and a piper's tribute by Pipe Major Mick Burgess.

The observance is free and open to the public. It is a standing event with no seating. Business attire or uniform is requested, and veterans and First Responders are encouraged to wear service medals.

Nicholas Howard, Co-CEO

"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."

Jonathan Egan, Co-CEO and 9/11 Family Member

"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."

Luke Parker Bowles, Executive Board Director

"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."

Bradford E. Billet, CEM, OBE, 9/11 Responder and Executive Board Director

"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."

QUEEN ELIZABETH II SEPTEMBER 11TH GARDEN

Hanover Square, New York | Administered by the British Memorial Garden Trust, Inc.

PRESS RELEASE - CONTINUED

Confirmed attendance

Australia: Hon. Heather Ridout AO, Consul-General; Gab Nash, Advisor to the Consul-General.

The Bahamas: Hon. Leroy Major, Consul General.

Canada: Hon. Susannah Pierce, Consul General.

New Zealand: Hon. Sarah Mason, Consul General and Trade Commissioner.

Singapore: Hon. Ee Lin Chew, Consul General.

Tuvalu: H.E. Dr. Tapugao Falefou, Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

United Kingdom: Chris Elmore MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office; Sir Christian Turner KCMG, His Majesty's Ambassador to the United States of America; Alex Milward, His Majesty's Trade Commissioner for North America and His Majesty's Consul General in New York; and Mel Lawrance, Deputy Consul General.

The Egan, Finnegan, McHale and Sword families will attend. Military and First-Responder participation will include representatives of the British Armed Forces, Canadian Armed Forces and Australian Defense Force, together with First Responders from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and the United States.

Participants will also include the Edmonton Police Service Pipes and Drums Band, led by Deputy Chief Derek McIntyre; Toronto Police Service first responders; Honorary Captain Daniel Allan, Royal Naval Reserve; and Colonel Carl Harris MBE, UN Military Attache. Community representatives will include Mark Aiston, President of St. George's Society of New York, and William J. Potter of the Saint Andrew's Society of the State of New York.

About the Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden

Created in the aftermath of September 11 and officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II in 2010, the 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. His Majesty The King is the Garden's Royal Patron. 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.

THE 25TH YEAR OF REMEMBRANCE

Remembrance Ceremony

Friday, September 11, 2026 | Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden | Hanover Square

PROGRAM START / 10:00 a.m.	FORMAT Standing observance; no seating	ATTIRE Business attire or uniform
-------------------------------	---	--------------------------------------

TIME	PROGRAM / VISUAL
10:00 a.m.	Program begins
10:15 a.m.	Welcome - Nicholas Howard, Co-Founder and Co-CEO
10:17 a.m.	Reflection and prayer - Father Luigi Gioia, St. Thomas Church
10:20 a.m.	Remarks - Chris Elmore MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office
10:25 a.m.	Call to Remembrance - Bradford E. Billet, OBE
10:28 a.m.	Bell toll and moment of silence - collapse of the North Tower
10:30 a.m.	Piper's tribute - Pipe Major Mick Burgess
10:32 a.m.	First-responder remembrance - Jose Camacho, Toronto Police Service (Ret.)
10:35 a.m.	Family remembrance - Jonathan Egan, 9/11 family member and Co-CEO
10:40 a.m.	Family remembrance - Colin McHale, 9/11 family member
10:45 a.m.	Remarks - Susannah Pierce, Consul General of Canada in New York
10:50 a.m.	Remarks - Heather Ridout AO, Consul-General of Australia in New York
10:55 a.m.	Remarks - Sir Christian Turner KCMG, His Majesty's Ambassador to the United States of America
11:00 a.m.	National anthems - soprano Amber Evans performs The Star-Spangled Banner, God Save the King and O Canada
11:10 a.m.	White-rose laying - families, Garden directors, first responders, military personnel and diplomatic representatives; Edmonton Police Service Pipes and Drums Band
11:14 a.m.	Second bell and moment of silence - remembrance of those lost or suffering from 9/11-related illnesses and injuries
11:15 a.m.	Closing remarks - Nicholas Howard, Co-Founder and Co-CEO

White roses will be laid in remembrance. Veterans and First Responders are encouraged to wear service medals.

Press contact: Luke Parker Bowles | +1 347 596 4781 | parkerbowles@gmail.com

SPOKESPEOPLE — BIOGRAPHIES, INTERVIEW AVAILABILITY AND SHORT QUOTES

Not for publication as a whole. Supply the relevant biography with a booking, and use the short quotes where a broadcast desk or wire needs one line rather than a paragraph.

Jonathan Egan Co-CEO, Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden

Jonathan Egan lost his father, Michael Egan, and his aunt, Christine Egan, in the attacks of September 11, 2001. Michael Egan, a British citizen and insurance executive with Aon Corporation, was on the 105th floor of the South Tower and died as an office fire warden helping colleagues evacuate. Jonathan was eighteen.

He is a Producer Partner at Lockton Companies, where he advises clients on mergers and acquisitions and complex risks, and he mentors young adults who lost a parent in the attacks. As Co-CEO, he serves the Trust that administers the Garden.

BEST ON: The families. What twenty-five years does and does not change. Why a memorial an ocean from home matters to a British family.

SHORT QUOTE:

"For families like mine, twenty-five years is not a milestone. It is another September."

Bradford E. Billet, CEM, OBE Executive Board Director, British Memorial Garden Trust, Inc.

Bradford E. Billet, CEM, OBE, was Deputy Commissioner of New York City's Commission for the United Nations, Consular Corps and Protocol on Sept. 11, 2001, and later served as Commissioner in the Mayor's Office for International Affairs. Queen Elizabeth II appointed him an Honorary Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for his work following the attacks. His prior senior roles include service with New York City EMS, the FDNY and the New York City Office of Emergency Management. He is also the author of *Chaos Reveals It: Leadership Lessons and Stories from the Front Lines of 9/11, Disasters, Diplomacy, Business, and Beyond*.

BEST ON: The international response. The ninety nations that lost citizens, the consular story, and why the world stood with America afterwards.

SHORT QUOTE:

"Ninety nations lost people that day. This was an attack on the world, and New York served every family exactly as it served its own."

Nicholas Howard Co-CEO

Nicholas Howard is Co-CEO of the British Memorial Garden Trust, Inc., the 501(c)(3) that created and administers the Queen Elizabeth II September 11th Garden at Hanover Square.

BEST ON: The Garden and the Trust. Twenty-five years of stewardship, and what it takes to keep a living memorial alive.

SHORT QUOTE:

"On the eleventh of September we do not mark a British loss or an American loss. We mark lives drawn from ninety nations."

Luke Parker Bowles Executive Board Director; Press Contact

Luke Parker Bowles is a Film and Television Executive who has worked in both the United Kingdom and the United States, with production credits including Love Actually, Pride & Prejudice and Atonement. He served as Chairman of the Board of BAFTA New York and is Chief Executive of Cinema Lab. He is an Executive Board Director of the British Memorial Garden Trust and the Garden's Press Contact.

BEST ON: The Garden's British and Commonwealth character, Queen Elizabeth II's 2010 dedication, and the relationship between the two countries.

SHORT QUOTE:

"Grief carried alone is heavier than grief carried among friends."

INTERVIEW AVAILABILITY — THE LINE TO GIVE A BOOKER

"Spokespeople are available for interview in studio or on site at the Garden in Hanover Square, before and on September 11. On-site interviews can be arranged from 9:15 a.m. and immediately after the ceremony; remote interviews can be arranged at short notice, including for overseas programming."

