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CAPITOL SQUARE, 1000 BANK STREET, RICHMOND, VA 23219

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

10:00 - 11:00 AM GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION

RAIN OR SHINE

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Oriented to the earth and incorporating existing trees in the area, *Mantle* combines four integrated spiral elements to create the shape of a Nautilus. A five-foot wide winding footpath will follow the outline of the monument; rising from and returning to the earth. In addition to the path will be a continuous, smooth stone wall, which also serves as a bench. Natural landscaping throughout the monument will consist of a selection of perennial native plant species, including wildflowers. A meditation area, at the center of the spiral, will feature an infinity pool made to resemble the pottery indicative of Virginia tribes. The water within the pool reflects the river culture existing within these native tribes. Decorating the sides of the sculpture are frieze-like, life-size reliefs of corn, squash, and beans (the Three Sisters) as well as oyster shells from the Chesapeake and other objects significant to the region and its native inhabitants. As visitors wind their way through the path their movements will evoke the circular dance formations found in the American Indian culture.

"I am honored to have created *Mantle*, this permanent monument in tribute to the Indian nations of Virginia. My hope is that this 'park within the park' will provide a quiet space for appreciation of and reflection on the land and waters, and on the wisdom and knowledge of their original stewards."

- Alan Michelson (Mohawk), Artist

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