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A Campaign of the Stanton and Anthony Statue Fund

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The Statue Fund Announces Finalists for The Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony Woman Suffrage Movement Monument

NEW YORK – March 8, 2018 – The Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony Statue Fund is pleased to announce, on International Women's Day, the four finalists for The Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony Woman Suffrage Movement Monument design competition. The finalists are:

- **Meredith Bergmann** - Examples of past work: Boston Women's Memorial (Abigail Adams, Phillis Wheatly and Lucy Stone), Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA; FDR Hope Memorial, Roosevelt Island, NYC; Marian Anderson, Converse College, Spartanburg, SC; Memorial to Countee Cullen, Bronx Council on the Arts, NYC; September 11th Memorial, Cathedral of St. John the Devine, NYC; and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, in collections of Justice Ginsburg and Columbia University
- **Jane DeDecker** - Examples of past work: Amelia Earhart, Amelia Earhart Elementary School, Alameda, CA; Emily Dickinson, Converse College, Spartanburg, SC; Sister Catherine McAuley, Mercy Hospital, St. Louis, MO; Harriet Tubman, Clinton Presidential Library, Little Rock, AK; and Sherlock Holmes, Public Safety Center, Edmond, OK
- **Victoria Guerina and Lloyd Lillie** - Examples of past work: The First Wave, Women's Rights Convention of 1848 project, 11 of 20 life size bronze historical portraits and figures for the Women's Rights Museum, Seneca Falls, NY (including Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia and James Mott, Jane and Richard Hunt, Maryanne and Thomas McClintock); Martin Richard Memorial, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA; and Katherine Lee Bates, Falmouth, MA
- **Ann Hirsch** - Examples of past work: Anna Bissell, Grand Rapids Community Legends, Grand Rapids, MI; Bill Russell Legacy Project, Phase 1 and Phase 2; City Hall Plaza, Boston, MA; Saint Walking (St. Ignatius of Loyola), Walsh Jesuit High School, Cuyahoga Falls, OH; Home, Patriot Plaza, Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL; and Stanley Ketchel, Grand Rapids Community Legends, Grand Rapids, MI

Spurred by the **#MonumentalWomen** campaign to create the first statue of real women in New York City's Central Park, 91 submissions from artists located throughout the United States were reviewed by a jury consisting of a mix of art and design professionals, historians, as well as representatives from NYC Parks and the Statue Fund. The winning sculptor will be announced in July.

"Today marks another step in The Statue Fund's effort to move history forward - the announcement of the finalists in our Design Competition. Our Woman Suffrage Movement Monument, honoring all the women who won the right to vote for over half this Country's population, will break the bronze ceiling in Central Park after 164 years. But that's only the start. We are committed to creating a full and fair historical record that finally reflects the vast and varied roles that women have played in it. We are also determined to challenge municipalities across this Nation to re-imagine their public spaces to create tributes to ALL the people who have made those cities great. But most important, we vow to complete the journeys toward justice of the valiant women who came before us and achieve full equality for women. Monumental Change is coming," said Pam Elam, President of The Statue Fund.

The New York City Parks Department has approved both The Statue Fund's proposal for a statue, with the two figures of Stanton and Anthony alongside the names of other suffragists included in the design, as well as the statue location requested by The Statue Fund - Literary Walk on The Mall in Central Park.

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