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The Perfect Gift for Father's Day – your father's name in Hyde Park history



If your father enjoys nature and a stroll in the Park, then the Royal Parks Foundation has the ultimate unusual gift for Father's Day (Sunday 21 June). You can have his name inscribed in one of the world's most beautiful parks and help build a fantastic new children's education centre at the same time.

This summer, the Royal Parks Foundation, with generous help from Halcyon Gallery, will launch a beautiful new sculpture called *Isis* on the shores of the Serpentine in Hyde Park. Around her base will curve 1,000 plaques, each costing £1,000 and available for dedication to fathers everywhere.

The £1 million to be raised will help build a fabulous, new, eco-friendly children's Education Centre in the heart of Hyde Park – an area with reputedly the cleanest air in central London. Surrounded by wildlife ponds and a nature trail, it will provide a doorway for generations of city children to enter the natural world, encouraging them to appreciate wildlife and look after the environment.

Isis, named after the goddess of nature, is the creation of leading artist, Simon Gudgeon. Zac Goldsmith and Trudie Styler & Sting are amongst those who are already supporting the *Isis* project. "The Royal Parks provide some of the most important ecological centres in our country and Hyde Park is one of the least polluted spots in central London. The new Look Out centre will be the perfect place for young people to learn more about the natural world." says Zac Goldsmith.

To honour your father with a plaque and see his name inscribed in Hyde Park, please visit www.royalparksfoundation.org

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Notes to Editors:

Royal Parks Foundation

The Royal Parks Foundation is a registered charity, committed to help protect, conserve and enhance the eight Royal Parks. We reach out to make the Parks part of more people's lives. One of our key charitable objectives is to support education and community projects and the new Look Out centre will be a legacy for future generations of young people. Registered charity number 1097545.

The Royal Parks

The Royal Parks is an executive agency of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. The Royal Parks are: Bushy Park, The Green Park, Greenwich Park, Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, The Regent's Park and Primrose Hill, Richmond Park, and St James's Park. For further information please visit: www.royalparks.org.uk

The parks are home to hundreds of species of birds and more than 137 invertebrates, 26 mammals and 140 species of tree all find refuge within their 5,000 acres. The Look Out education centre is dedicated to connecting young people with nature and the environment.

Halcyon Gallery

Situated in the heart of Mayfair, London, Halcyon Gallery is one of Europe's leading art galleries, representing some of the finest painters and sculptors working today. Halcyon Gallery is committed to supporting and nurturing outstanding living artists, specialising in fine art and master graphics as well as original paintings, drawings and sculpture.

2008 marked the 25 anniversary of Halcyon Gallery and the opening of a magnificent new flagship gallery at 24 Bruton Street. Joining the existing gallery at 29 New Bond Street, this elegant five-storey Georgian building has been renovated to create a stunning exhibition space suitable for the finest art. For further information please visit: www.halcyongallery.com

Simon Gudgeon

Simon Gudgeon is an acclaimed British sculptor, whose unique signature style represents the movement and emotions of nature in smooth forms and lines. Simon has attained worldwide recognition in recent years, and exhibited internationally, with highly-acclaimed shows in London, New York, San Diego, Paris and the Netherlands. His work features in many important private collections both in the UK and abroad, such as those of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Bedford and the Duke of Northumberland. *Sculpture by the Lakes* in Pallington, Dorset, was opened by Simon Gudgeon in association with Halcyon Gallery in September 2008, presenting Gudgeon's works in a beautiful rural setting,

A complementary exhibition, *Isis*, opens at Halcyon Gallery on 11 June.

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