



Memorial Dedication

African
Burial
Ground
National
Monument



New York City

October 5-6, 2007

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African Burial Ground National Monument

National Park Service
290 Broadway, First Floor
New York, NY 10007

Friday, October 5, 2007

1 p.m. – Opens to public
Grand Opening of the African Burial Ground National Monument memorial
Duane Street between Broadway & African Burial Ground Way (Elk Street)

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Greet the Torch
Battery Park

Drummers and a mass choir greet the ceremonial torch as it arrives from the Statue of Liberty.

8 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Candlelight Procession
Battery Park to Foley Square

Honor the Africans who helped build the city of New York by marching in a candlelight procession from Battery Park to the African Burial Ground National Monument. Performances to follow at Foley Square.

Saturday, October 6, 2007

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
International Tribute Concert
Foley Square

Performers from Africa and the African Diaspora celebrate the ancestors of the African Burial Ground.

For more information on dedication events call 212-491-2012.

October 8-12, 2007

Youth Week
Educational programs for youth.
For class or group reservations, call the African Burial Ground National Monument at 212-637-2019.

*All events are free and open to the public.

About the African Burial Ground National Monument (www.nps.gov/afbg)

The African Burial Ground National Monument is the first National Monument dedicated to Africans of early New York and Americans of African descent. It is the newest National Monument in New York City, joining the Statue of Liberty, Governors Island, and Castle Clinton.