

# The Manhattan Airport Foundation

## THE MANHATTAN AIRPORT FOUNDATION RELEASES CALL FOR ENTRIES IN STAGE-ONE DESIGN COMPETITION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL PARK

### TMAF paves the way for a bold new public works project to uplift and transform New York City:

(New York, NY) - For the past three years **The Manhattan Airport Foundation** has been quietly laying the groundwork to provide New Yorkers with a most fundamental urban amenity: access to viable air transportation. And today, TMAF releases its much-anticipated call for entries to a hand-picked group of top architecture firms worldwide in what is sure to be one of the most closely-watched design competitions in recent memory.

As with Diller Scofidio + Renfro's visionary re-imagining of the High-Line and Herzog & de Meuron's magical transformation of the Tate Modern, this project will carry an unparalleled honor. "A public commission of this magnitude has the capacity to elevate one's work to a level of international acclaim," said Foundation Press Secretary Audrey Cortlandt. "The opportunity to leave an indelible impression on one of the world's greatest cities is not something architects take lightly." And nor do the individuals behind the Foundation, who have enlisted a group of names which reads like a "who's who" of contemporary architecture.

Today's announcement at the Foundation's Tribeca headquarters was met with vocal support from hundreds of civic-minded individuals representing local environmental and community groups as well as elected officials and members of city and state agencies on hand to witness the occasion. "If New York cannot bring her people to the airport, then she must bring the airport to her people," said Architectural Chair Tomoko Tanaka. "Ten years ago, nobody believed the High-Line would ever be built, either."

**About The Manhattan Airport Foundation:** Founded in 2006, TMAF is a privately funded land-use constituency supported by civic organizations, design professionals, and civic-minded individuals and businesses from New York and around the world, united in the goal of providing a viable transportation hub in New York City for the benefit of all New Yorkers. In addition to live events, the Foundation has created a massive online presence through it's own website as well as major social media and community networks.

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