

NATIONALLY-CELEBRATED DAUB & FIRMIN STUDIOS TO UNVEIL COMMEMORATIVE ROSA PARKS SCULPTURE IN U.S. CAPITOL FEBRUARY 27, 2013

Washington, D.C., February 25, 2013... Daub & Firmin Studios is proud to announce that its sculpture of beloved heroine Rosa Parks will be dedicated in its permanent location in the National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol on February 27th, 2013. **According to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the new Rosa Parks sculpture is the first full-sized statue authorized and funded by Congress since the 1870s.** The ceremony will take place during the month that would have been Ms. Parks' 100th birthday. 2013 marks 57 years after the historic day Ms. Parks refused to give up her seat on an Alabama city bus, a moment in American history that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called, "The spark that ignited the modern civil rights movement."

Daub & Firmin's unique composition reflects Rosa Parks' incredible courage, peaceful resistance and determination to permanently change a broken system. The work will become a reminder of her contributions to our country for generations to come. Visit dfsculpturestudios.com.

Daub & Firmin Studios founders Eugene Daub and Dr. Rob Firmin were selected by the NEA from among over 100 artists to create the piece. The winners were chosen from a finalist group by the Joint Committee on the Library of the United States Congress.

Daub & Firmin's design emphasizes Rosa Parks' dignity and defiance that shattered the walls of discrimination. The full-figure portrait captures her character as she sat immovable against the force of Jim Crow, and symbolizes her role in the American civil rights movement. Firmin did the research for the project, both artists worked on the design, and Daub sculpted the statue with Firmin's assistance.

"We have created a number of monuments to celebrate the African American experience, and we were so greatly touched by Rosa Parks' story," said Dr. Firmin. "Our extensive research for this national competition unveiled more remarkable details about her, and deepened our respect immeasurably."

Mr. Daub added, “Our piece depicts her calmly seated, as she was the day she changed history. Her emergence from the stone represents the centuries of African American resistance to slavery and to Jim Crow laws, and the efforts of thousands of people who were inspired to take action after Rosa Parks’ refusal to move.”

Daub & Firmin’s public monuments inspire people of all ages and backgrounds to be aware of American history and of what each of us can accomplish for the public good. Boasting 30 years’ experience creating significant three-dimensional figures, monuments and large reliefs, Eugene Daub is one of the country’s most accomplished figurative sculptors. He is the recipient of the Arthur Ross Award for sculpture from the Institute for Classical Architecture and Classical America, the J. Sanford Saltus Award, the American Numismatic Association Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Bas Relief Sculpture, and an Honorary Doctorate from the Academy of Art University San Francisco.

Dr. Rob Firmin left an award-winning entrepreneurial software career to become a public art sculptor and teamed with Mr. Daub in 2005. With undergraduate degrees in history and art history, an MBA from Columbia University and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, Dr. Firmin infuses the Daub & Firmin creative process with his expertise in historical research and quantitative methods. Both artists occasionally execute commissions on their own.

Daub & Firmin’s portfolio is extensive. Highlighted works include the *Freedom for All Forever* civil rights sculpture park in Oklahoma City, now in the funding stage; Abraham Lincoln near his birthplace; Thomas Jefferson, Father of the University of Virginia; a Tuskegee Airman in San Diego; Harvey Milk in San Francisco City Hall; Harry Bridges in San Pedro, CA; and the four Allegories of Civilization in the Utah State Capitol rotunda.

Dr. Firmin said, “As Americans first and artists second, we are honored to have been chosen to memorialize the incredible impact of Rosa Parks on our country.”

Daub & Firmin Studios has offices in Kensington and San Pedro, California. www.dfsculpturestudios.com

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