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WTC-INSPIRED MOTORCYCLE DESIGNED BY PAUL JR. OF ‘AMERICAN CHOPPER’ TO SUPPORT 9/11 MEMORIAL

Public Can Participate in Raffle for a Motorcycle Designed by Paul Jr. based on a Bike Unveiled at the 9/11 Memorial Preview Site

9/11 Memorial Chair and Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg joined 9/11 Memorial President Joe Daniels and Paul Teutul, Jr. of Discovery Channel’s "American Chopper" today to unveil a custom-built motorcycle commissioned by 9/11 Memorial board member Daniel R. Tishman, Chairman of Tishman Construction and Vice Chairman of AECOM. The bike was built to commemorate the rebuilding of the World Trade Center site and was unveiled at the 9/11 Memorial Preview Site at 20 Vesey St. In addition to the bike unveiled today, Paul Jr. Designs will build another bike inspired by the World Trade Center bike and donated by Tishman to support the Memorial through a raffle.

"This incredible custom-made bike represents one of the proudest moments in our city's history: the rebuilding of the World Trade Center site," Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg said. "There will be a lot of people out there who want the chance to own a work of art like this one - and that will help support the 9/11 Memorial and make sure it continues to welcome people from all over the world who want to honor those we lost. Thanks to Dan Tishman and Paul Jr. for their creativity and hard work."

"Everyone remembers the devastation of September 11th, but coming down here now and seeing the triumph of the rebuilding and the magnificent Memorial honoring those who were killed, is truly inspirational," said Paul Jr. "I've built some incredible bikes to commemorate events, but few have the significance and meaning of this one."
"As a fan of 'American Chopper' I'd seen the incredible work that Paul Jr. had done and was fortunate enough to see up close and in person some of the amazing bikes he's built," said Daniel R. Tishman, "After showing him around the World Trade Center site, I knew that what he'd do to commemorate the rebuilding would be truly magnificent and he certainly didn't disappoint. I'm so glad that some lucky person out there will have a chance to own and drive a Paul Jr. bike."

"Dan Tishman and Paul Jr. have found a truly special way to commemorate the remarkable rebuilding effort at the World Trade Center," 9/11 Memorial President Joe Daniels said. "Since the public opening of the Memorial on September 12th, we've welcomed tens of thousands visitors, and we are grateful for Dan and Paul's generous support, which will help sustain this historic site."

Tishman Construction, an AECOM company, the builder of the original World Trade Center, commissioned the bike unveiled today to commemorate their work building the new World Trade Center towers 1, 3 and 4, transportation hub, vehicle security center, and retail spaces. The bike unveiled today, built by Paul Jr., will be featured on the Discovery Channel's series, "American Chopper" on November 14 and 21. The donated bike raffle begins today and runs through Jan. 20. Raffle tickets are available online at 911memorial.org. The tickets are also available at the 9/11 Memorial Preview Site at 20 Vesey St. and the 9/11 Memorial Visitor Center at 90 West St. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit the National September 11 Memorial & Museum.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM

The National September 11 Memorial & Museum is the not-for-profit corporation created to oversee the design, fundraising, programming, and operations of the Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center. The Memorial and Museum are located on eight of the 16 acres of the World Trade Center site. The Memorial will be dedicated on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and the Museum will open in September 2012.

The Memorial remembers and honors the 2,983 people who were killed in the horrific attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993. The design, created by Michael Arad and Peter Walker, consists of two reflecting pools formed in the footprints of the original Twin Towers and a plaza of trees.
The Museum will display monumental artifacts linked to the events of 9/11, while presenting intimate stories of loss, compassion, reckoning, and recovery that are central to telling the story of the 2001 and 1993 attacks and the aftermath. It will communicate key messages that embrace both the specificity and the universal implications of the events of 9/11: document the impact of those events on individual lives, as well as on local, national, and international communities; and explore the continuing significance of these events for our global community.

For more information or to reserve a free visitor pass to the Memorial, go to 911memorial.org.

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