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HOERR SCHAUDT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS ANNOUNCES THE COMPLETION OF THE TIFFANY & CO. FOUNDATION CELEBRATION GARDEN IN CHICAGO'S GRANT PARK

Chicago IL (August 27, 2009) – Hoerr Schaudt's latest public horticulture project and Chicago's newest premier outdoor event space, The Tiffany & Co. Foundation Celebration Garden, is nearly complete. The garden, designed for the Parkways Foundation and made possible by a \$1.25 million grant from the Tiffany & Co. Foundation, transforms Grant Park's south rose garden into a formal garden and event space adjacent to Buckingham Fountain. The Chicago Park District will open the garden to the public in early September after its unveiling on September 10th.

The garden highlights views of the city's most beloved treasures: Buckingham Fountain, Lake Michigan, and the stunning view of Museum Campus. "The garden is designed to place visitors in a comfortable yet exhilarating relationship with Buckingham Fountain and the city's skyline. When you stand in the garden, you know exactly where you are in the world," said Douglas Hoerr, principal of Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects.

At two-thirds of an acre, the Tiffany & Co. Foundation Celebration Garden is large enough to comfortably accommodate up to 150 persons for both ceremony and reception and can encompass tents of various sizes in multiple locations. A walk down the central promenade surrounds visitors with nearly 7,000 blooming annuals and perennials, shaped evergreens, ornamental trees, cascading vines and flowering shrubs that provide multi-season color. In spring, visitors will see blooms from ornamental crabapple trees. Throughout the summer and early autumn, annuals and perennials will feature blooms of white, purple, silver, and soft pinks accented with deep burgundy. In fall and winter, the evergreen framework of the garden,

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comprised of undulating hedges, swag posts and arborvitae will maintain the garden's form and structure.

Six entrances paved with recycled brick provide access to three intimate garden 'rooms,' which are connected by the central serpentine promenade. A five-foot wide ceremonial circle of pink granite etched with the words, "The Tiffany & Co. Foundation Celebration Garden," marks the center of the garden. Borrowing stylistically from Tiffany's Atlas® Collection, Roman numeral coordinates for the longitude and latitude of the garden are etched into the medallion's center.

The Tiffany & Co. Foundation awarded three grants in 2008 totaling \$2,750,000 for the development of three gardens. These grants reflect the expansion of the Foundation's urban parks program to major cities around the country. "We are thrilled to support the Parkways Foundation to achieve their goal to beautify a garden within Chicago's famous Grant Park. The new formal garden will be designed for all visitors to enjoy as a place to relax and celebrate those special moments," said Fernanda Kellogg, president of The Tiffany & Co. Foundation. "This is our first major grant in Chicago and it is an honor to be a part of such a well-loved place in this city. We hope the garden, with its formal landscape, becomes an equally cherished jewel of the city."

About Hoerr Schaudt

Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects, LLC is a firm of award-winning landscape architects based in Chicago. Recognized nationally for public horticulture design that include the median planters down Michigan Avenue and the City Garden at Garfield Park Conservatory, the firm designs public and private gardens, streetscapes, campuses and commercial landscapes from coast to coast. More information is available at www.hoerschaudt.com.

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