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## War Horse Sculpture by Emanuel Hahn Returns to Guild Park and Gardens

Toronto – On Tuesday, November 25, Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie (Ward 24, Scarborough–Guildwood) joined community members, arts leaders, and heritage advocates at Guild Park and Gardens to celebrate the unveiling of the *War Horse* sculpture by Emanuel Hahn. Created nearly a century ago, this bronze monument has officially returned to the Guild, marking a significant moment in Toronto’s cultural and historical landscape.

The *War Horse* sculpture has a long-standing connection to Guild Park and Gardens. Over the decades, the Guild evolved into a cultural destination, showcasing an exceptional art collection assembled by Rosa and Spencer Clark, much of it displayed outdoors. Hahn’s widow, Elizabeth Wyn Wood—herself a celebrated Canadian artist—once loaned *War Horse* to the Clarks for temporary display among works by other renowned Canadian sculptors. For many in the community, its return feels like a homecoming.

“This magnificent piece, *War Horse*, is a tribute to the horses of the First World War, capturing their strength and sacrifice,” said Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie. “It stood here for decades during the Clark family era, and its return brings a sense of belonging to these grounds. This gift ensures that Canadian heritage remains accessible to the public permanently. It is a beautiful addition to the City’s collection, and I know it will be appreciated by everyone who walks these grounds for years to come.”

The sculpture has been permanently returned to the City of Toronto through the generosity of Emanuel Hahn’s family and estate. Granddaughters Aurora Browne, Sydney Browne, and Sybil Taylor played a key role in making this donation possible, ensuring that *War Horse* can once again stand proudly at Guild Park and Gardens.

Emanuel Hahn, one of Canada’s most celebrated sculptors, is also renowned for designing iconic Canadian coins—the Bluenose and the caribou featured on the 10-cent and 25-cent pieces—as well as public monuments. His work continues to inspire and connect communities across the country.

Guild Park and Gardens invites visitors to explore the grounds and experience this powerful piece of Canadian heritage firsthand.

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The *War Horse* sculpture by Emanuel Hahn, now permanently installed at Guild Park and Gardens, invites visitors to experience its powerful tribute to the horses of the First World War.