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Ireland Park

Site

Eireann Quay

Project Team

Architect: Kearns Mancini Architects

Client

Ireland Park Foundation



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Ireland Park creates a 'sacred space' at Eireann Quay's south east corner to the Toronto harbour. The Park honours the 38,000 Irish immigrants who fled the Famine of 1847. This point of 'arrival' is situated on the waters edge to connect back to Dublin's quayside, where similar sculptures are depicted in 'departure.' The park represents a landscape symbolic of the one left behind.

The Park is ideally sited with the five giant former Canadian Maltings grain silos to the north and expansive views east to downtown Toronto and south over Lake Ontario. To the west a sculptural wall of Irish limestone, with names embedded, greets the pedestrian, providing a definitive gateway to the space.

Ireland Park is a pioneer project for the future development of Bathurst Quay. It is a sculptural space that ties together Toronto's history of immigration, its continued connection with contemporary Ireland and its expansive, developing waterfront.

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