



THE BLAKE SOCIETY

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ADVISORY

CEREMONY TO UNVEIL THE GRAVESTONE OF WILLIAM BLAKE

3.00pm Sunday 12TH August 2018

**Bunhill Fields Burial Ground
38 City Road, London EC1Y 2BG**

**Nearest London Underground stations:
Moorgate, Old Street (exit 3)**

Participants will include:

Philip Pullman, novelist; Blake, British male vocal group; John Wardle (Jah Wobble), musician; Malcolm Guite, poet and writer; Will Franken, satirist; Sansara, vocal ensemble; Nicki Wells, singer; the William Blake Congregation.

The Gravestone has been engraved by the leading British stonecutter Lida Cardozo (commissions include the gates of the British Library).

Sansara will perform a setting of the stone's inscription by the Australian composer Chris Williams.

The site of the grave of William Blake, author of 'Jerusalem' and 'The Tyger' and painter of 'The Ancient of Days', has long been lost and forgotten. Yet after detailed historical research and a £30,000 fundraising campaign, the Blake Society has commissioned leading stonecutter Lida Cardozo to create a new gravestone to mark the place where Blake was laid to rest. This will be unveiled exactly 191 years after the poet and painter's death at 3.00pm on 12th August 2018 at Bunhill Fields Burial Ground in London. The ceremony will involve a celebration of Blake by prominent writers and artists, the unveiling of the gravestone, laying of flowers on the grave by members of the public and an evening vigil with candles and music.

Further information:

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