

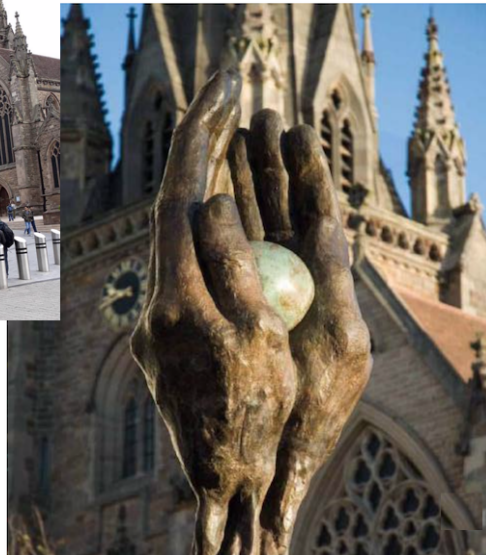
LORENZO QUINN
TREE OF LIFE
SAINT MARTIN'S CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, WEST MIDLANDS

Tree of Life was unveiled in front of 3,500 people in October 2005 as part of a remembrance service in St Martin's Church for servicemen who lost their lives during the Second World War and victims of the blitz in Birmingham. It was donated to the city by Halcyon Gallery in association with Birmingham City Council and the Birmingham Air Raids Remembrance Association.

Speaking at the service, Quinn explained, 'The sculpture is called the Tree of Life because it was thanks to these people that many here today owe their own lives. It is also a symbol, the outstretched hands representing a search for a better future.'

The tree of life is like our family tree. We will collect what we have planted. The tree needs nourishment and guidance so it can grow to be strong and healthy and shade others who come to rest under its majestic branches. The tree of life is what keeps the world breathing. It wraps up the world in its soft breath and protects it for future generations to enjoy.

- Lorenzo Quinn



Tree of Life, detail and full image
Saint Martin's Church, Birmingham,
West Midlands
Installed October 2005
Bronze
250 x 90 x 70 cm
Edition of 9 plus 3 artist's proofs

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