Memorial Park Commemorates ‘Godfather of Go-Go,’ Opens August 22
Chuck Brown Memorial Park Designed by Howard Theater Architects

Washington, DC – Michael Marshall, Design Director of Marshall Moya Design, designed a memorial park for an influential D.C. music icon, Chuck Brown. The park design will be revealed to Chuck Brown's family, the community, and media on August 22 at a celebratory ribbon cutting ceremony. Marshall grew up playing in the same park he now designed, and also led the renovations and restoration of The Howard Theatre, where Chuck Brown often performed.

Chuck Brown is the creator of Go-Go style music, which is a defining element of Washington, D.C. culture. Go-Go music is a subgenre of regional contemporary music and associated with funk music, originating in Washington, D.C. during the mid 1960's. Go-Go is a blend of blues music, early hip-hop, and percussion instruments. This music is celebrated and represented in the memorial for Chuck Brown, the legendary “Godfather of Go-Go.” A public community event and celebration for the Chuck Brown Memorial Park will take place in Washington, D.C. on the late Godfather of Go-Go’s 78th birthday.

“Chuck Brown set the foundation for various music genres, and he is an important part of Washington, D.C. culture. I am honored to have my firm lead the design, and to contribute to the public park space in Washington, D.C.” says Michael Marshall, Design Director of Marshall-Moya Design, who managed the project.

When Chuck Brown passed away, the D.C. community yearned for a civic space where they could honor his musical legacy. This design, second in a series Marshall Moya Design proposed for the D.C. government, incorporates photo mosaics of Chuck Brown from performances throughout the history of his career in a memorial park setting.

During the opening ceremony on August 22, Marshall and his firm will be giving tours of the memorial park to the public and media, showing the design elements they created.

WHAT
Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening of the Chuck Brown Memorial Park.

DATE Friday, August 22nd
TIME 11:00 am- 2pm
LOCATION Langdon Park, Washington, DC
WHO Mayor Gray, Chuck Brown Family Members and Fans, Community, and the Architects.
ARCHITECTS Marshall Moya Design

The landscape design establishes an environment that captures the essence of this iconic musician with quintessential Washington, D.C. plantings of the region throughout the site, including a rain garden. Lawn seating and a circular plaza accommodates small, intimate outdoor performances. A commemorative concert will be held in Chuck Brown's honor at The Howard Theatre at 8:00pm on August 22.


Marshall Moya Design is a multifaceted design studio with inspired and creative thinkers located in Washington, D.C. The firm produces work in a variety of artistic mediums including architecture (MMD), product design (inNuevo), and digital solutions (inNuevo Digital). The firm’s philosophy is based on collaboration, vision and value. Each project is designed with purpose to enhance society through innovative design. MMD’s diverse skill set, combined with research and reinforced by collaboration, helps to communicate the most appropriate direction to approach a project. The architecture firm serves the commercial, institutional and residential markets of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. The firm has experience with a diverse typology of projects, including residential homes, restaurants, theatres, retail stores, commercial sales centers, mixed-use developments, public schools, and university buildings. Michael Marshall originally founded the firm in 1989 as Michael Marshall Architecture, and in 2010 he formed a partnership with Paola Moya to establish what is now known as Marshall Moya Design.