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**Inner Arbor Trust Inc. welcomes  
renowned landscape architect  
Martha Schwartz to the Inner Arbor Team**

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The Inner Arbor Trust, Inc. is pleased to announce the engagement of renowned landscape architect, Martha Schwartz, as the design landscape architect for Symphony Woods.

Ms. Schwartz is a tenured Professor of Landscape Architecture at the Harvard Graduate School of Design and a worldwide landscape architect specializing in landscape design and site specific artsapes. An American raised in Philadelphia with summers in Wisconsin, Ms. Schwartz lives in and works from London, where her studio is based.

Martha Schwartz' vast and varied portfolio of work includes Dublin Docklands Grand Canal Square in Ireland; Monte Laar Central Park in Vienna; Qatar Petroleum Headquarters in Doha, Qatar; Natick Mall in Boston; and, the Mesa Arts Center in Mesa, Arizona.

Of her work for the Trust, Ms. Schwartz said, "I think it's one of the most interesting and exciting projects that we have worked on in a long time. It is wonderful to be designing an environment that is so conducive to Art and Music within the beautiful Symphony Woods environment that surrounds Merriweather. It is an honor to be asked to apply ourselves to such hallowed and beloved terrain, and to help create new layers of experience to be enjoyed. We are looking forward to bringing something very special.

"The Trust has been extremely farsighted in terms of understanding the breadth of the impact the careful improvement of this land can have both for the immediate area of Columbia and Howard County, as well as capturing Baltimore-Washington and reaching into the Mid-Atlantic region, in which I grew up. Under Michael's [McCall] leadership, the Trust is thinking strategically big, and great places require that kind of vision. This Park can truly be a national destination."

The Trust's President and CEO, Michael S. McCall, said of the Trust's choice of Ms. Schwartz to lead the landscape design team, "Casting the right talent to play the leading roles is crucial to telling a clear, compelling and engaging story. In asking Martha to play the lead landscape design role, we have one of the world's top ten landscape designers bringing enormous creativity to our precious Park. Martha will play a key role in making the Merriweather-Symphony Woods Neighborhood extraordinary. "

Scott Rykiel, the founder of the Baltimore based landscape architecture firm, Mahan Rykiel Associates, which the Trust has engaged as the landscape architect of record, said of working with Ms. Schwartz, "We have a global practice ourselves, but the opportunity to work with Martha and bring her creativity to our own backyard is an exceptional opportunity, and I am proud to be partnering with her. Columbia will benefit by the Trust's commitment to world-renowned talent being applied to Symphony Woods."

The Inner Arbor Trust, Inc. is a Maryland non-stock corporation formed on May 10th of this year and applying for 501(c)(3) status, for the purpose of implementing the Inner Arbor Plan, so that the Merriweather-Symphony Woods Neighborhood can be a wondrous local and regional destination, "a new kind of cultural park where the landscape becomes a setting for arts, cultural and civic uses," as is called for by Howard County in its 2010 Plan for Downtown Columbia.

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