A polished stainless steel sculpture by world-renowned artist Anish Kapoor will be the centerpiece of Chicago’s Millennium Park. The artwork, which will be 60 feet long and 30 feet tall, will be installed in late summer or early fall 2001.

**Newest art icon to reflect our world**

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"A mirrored, elliptical sculpture designed by Indian-born artist Anish Kapoor to reflect Chicago's skyline and lakefront is to become the next major addition to the city's outdoor art gallery.

Designed to carry Chicago's 22-year tradition of public art into the 21st century, the polished stainless steel objet d'art will be the focal point of the Millennium Park and will be unveiled in the late summer or early fall of 2001, civic leaders and city officials said Wednesday.

"The Kapoor sculpture will join the Picasso, the Chagall and the Duhem as a new Chicago icon," Mayor Daley said in remarks prepared for the unveiling of a small-scale model of the design.

"It will stand for generations. When you look at it, you'll see the reflections of everything."

Its curved surface will disperse the sun's rays, so Michigan Avenue motorists won't have to worry about being blinded by reflected light, added Ed Uhlir, project director for the new park. Bob O'Neill, president of the Grant Park advisory council, praised the selection of Kapoor.

"I think what's important is we are bringing cutting-edge artists to Chicago," O'Neill said. "It helps bring international stature to Chicago, and that's important."

Park visitors will be able to walk underneath the sculpture; its concave surface will rise 12 feet off the ground.

It will be placed on the Ameritech Plaza inside a 24.6-acre site above the park's skating rink.

John Bryan, chairman and CEO of Sara Lee Corp. and co-chair of a private fund-raising committee for the park, said the selection of a piece of modern artwork was crucial.

"It was very important for this park to have a contemporary piece," Bryan said.