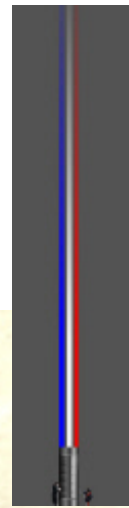




## 7/11 Memorial Project

Competition for a memorial on site and in London

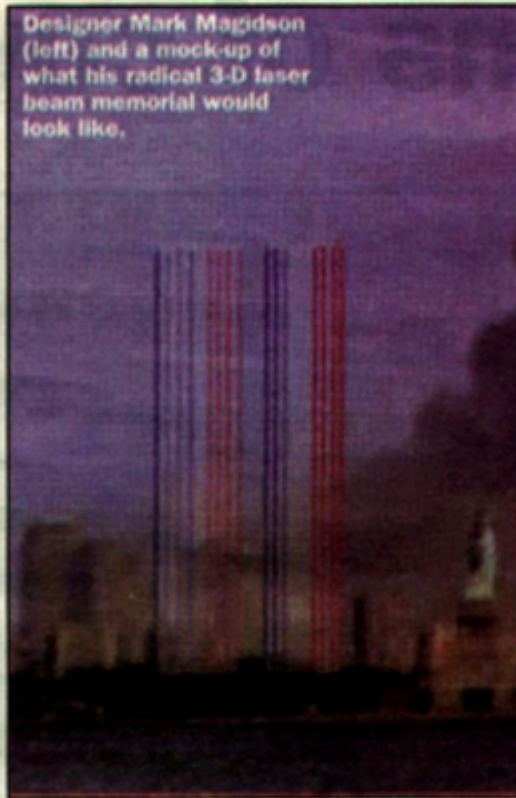


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Designer Mark Magidson (left) and a mock-up of what his radical 3-D laser beam memorial would look like.



Designer writes to New York mayor with plan for giant laser "Twin Towers" to commemorate city's dead, writes **Carmen Lichi**

# Designer throws light on a very dark situation

DESIGNER Mark Magidson has come up with an unusual way of resurrecting New York's Twin Towers, which were destroyed by terrorists last month.

Mr Magidson, who lives in Meadway, Hampstead Garden Suburb, has drawn up proposals to replace the 450-metre towers with dramatic three-dimensional laser beams.

He has already put the £2 million plan to New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani, saying it would provide a powerful reminder of the recent atrocities and an immediate way of remembering the thousands who died

Exhibition Plus, Mr Magidson says that giant red and blue beams could be projected on to the New York skyline using laser banks based on the ground.

He has sent copies of his plans to Prime Minister Tony Blair, Foreign Secretary Jack Straw and London Mayor Ken Livingstone, as well as to Mayor Giuliani.

A recent visit to the World Trade Centre inspired the 50-year-old father of three's design.

"My family and I were just there in August," he told the Ham&High. "We had our photos taken while standing on top of the building, and it was quite

a thought and it seemed a rather nice way to remember the victims and their families and repair the huge gap in the skyline."

Mr Magidson's clients include English Heritage and the Natural History Museum.

The lasers - which could either be temporary or permanent - would be visible by the day and by night and could even change with the weather.

"The beams could sparkle in the rain and snow, change intensity throughout the day and be powerful beacons at night - as well as a constant reminder of the war on terrorism," he said.

memorial, he added.

The proposals also include linking the New York lasers with something similar in a London park, such as Hyde Park and Regent's Park, via a newly developed website.

Mr Magidson is now hoping that a bigger organisation will be able to take the idea forward.

"As the Statue of Liberty was partly donated by the French, so too can Britain contribute to powerful memorials to the victims of this event," he said.

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