

# Old Post Office Tower - the Congress bells

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## Exclusive tour of the Old Post Office clock tower

On August 5, 2013, Congress allowed the lease between GSA and The Trump Organization to go into force. It takes 10 people pulling heavy ropes from a chamber below one would assume to protect their hearing to operate the full set. Wills was determined to commemorate the bicentenary of American Independence, so he arranged for replicas of the bells of Westminster Abbey to be cast by the Whitechapel Foundry in 1976 the same foundry that had cast the Abbey's bells four centuries earlier.

## world's most famous bell

Don't Tear It Down began heavily lobbying the PADC, which owned the building for the federal government , White House, Congress, and D. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee strongly criticized GSA in a report for mismanaging the Old Post Office Building.

## Event Details (U.S. National Park Service)

The Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London, England, is a cultural heritage asset of international significance.

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At odds with the classically inspired grandeur envisioned by the Triangle's designers, it was proposed that the building should be torn down to make way for a large circular plaza on 12th Street. You can look out from all four sides of the clock tower for great views of the and.

## Old Post Office Pavilion in Washington DC: The District

The bill was reintroduced in the , although this time the women's museum asked for only the East Atrium. More than 50 restaurants and boutique retail stores were anticipated to sublet portions of the three-story retail section, and it was 98% leased at its opening.

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It takes roughly two full seconds for a peal bell to ring and be ready to ring again. This research and the accompanying archive will form a key resource as the revitalized bell foundry works on the preservation, monitoring, and analysis of historic bells. Only a certain number of people are allowed in the tower at any one time but most people only stay around 10 minutes and get plenty of good views of DC along with some neat looking gardens on some of the other rooftops.

### **Whitechapel Bell Foundry**

New York: Oxford University Press, 2011. Tower visitors can see the colored ropes that the bell-ringers pull to sound the bells but not the bells themselves, although plans are in the works to open a viewing area for the bells as well.

### **Old Post Office Clock & Bells Tower**

The building's massive scale, rustication, arched fenestration, and ornamentation evokes the Romanesque Revival style, while incorporating a variety of complementary features such as Byzantine sculptural capitals, French Gothic dormers and sculpture, and French Renaissance detailing. The building, with its 315-foot high clock tower, was the third highest in Washington at the time of its completion — exceeded only by the U. On August 30, 2017, Bloomberg BNA reported that both the Government Accountability Office GAO and the GSA Inspector General's Office of Inspections had confirmed that they were evaluating GSA's management and administration of the lease.

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