

## When is a “Swann” Not a Swan?

### “Swann Memorial Fountain” (1924)

By artist Alexander Stirling Calder

Logan Circle  
Benjamin Franklin Parkway



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Did you know that the  
“Swann Memorial Fountain”  
isn’t simply named for the swans  
that you see spurting water from  
their mouths?

This fountain was actually named  
for Dr. Wilson Cary Swann,  
president and founder of the  
Philadelphia Fountain Society.  
At a time when water wasn’t  
available to all parts of the  
city, Dr. Swann helped to  
build fountains to provide  
fresh water for everyone.  
This fountain is a memorial  
to him.

The swans in the “Swann Memorial  
Fountain” are a kind of pun. A pun is a  
joke or type of wordplay in which two words  
sound alike but have different meanings, like  
“Swann” and “swan.”

Draw your own swans here, and color them in!

