

BERNARDO O' HIGGINS

Title: Bernardo O' Higgins

Artist: FAMAЕ/Arcomet

Date: 1992

Type: Bust

Medium: Bronze (sculpture), Granite (pedestal)

Location: Hermann Park

Part of the International Sculpture Garden, the bronze bust of Bernardo O'Higgins is on a granite pedestal. It came to the City of Houston through FAMAЕ/Arcomet in 1992.

O'Higgins was born in Chile in 1778, the son of a Spanish officer from Ireland who served as Viceroy of Peru and the daughter of a member of the Chilean Cabildo, or council. While studying in Europe, he became interested in the American concepts of independence. He returned to Chile and became involved in the South American struggle for independence from, first, the figurehead put on the Spanish throne by Napoleon Bonaparte, and later from the Spanish army sent to reclaim Chile. He served as Supreme Director of Chile, and was a political ally of the Argentine Jose de San Martin, also represented in the International Sculpture Garden.

