

# Fenway Park

## Bronze Character Statues

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Statues: Teammates, Carl 'Yaz' Yastremski, & Ted Williams and Jimmy Fund

Artists: Antonio Tobias Mendez & Franc Talarico

Completed: 2010-2013

Materials: Bronze and Granite Base



Fenway Park Backstop



Fenway Park Interior



Teammates by Antonio Tobias Mendez was completed in 2010 and depicts, teammates and friends Ted Williams, Johnny Pesky, Bobby Doerr and Dom DiMaggio. The statue of the four teammates stands outside of Gate B at Fenway Park at the intersection of Ipswich and Van Ness streets. The teammates played 7 seasons with one another on the Red Sox, as well as they all served in WWII and were friends for a lifetime. The statue is made of bronze on a granite pedestal, and stands at 11' 6" tall.



The statue of Carl 'Yaz' Yastremski is located outside of Gate B at Fenway Park. Commissioned in 2013, artist Antonio Tobias Mendez depicts Yaz's final at-bat, on Oct. 2, 1983, when he tipped his helmet in salute to the roaring crowd. Yastremski played with the Red Sox for 23 years, wearing the #8, a number which is now retired by the Boston Red Sox. Yastremski was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1989. His achievements include: 17 All Star Games, 7 Gold Gloves, 3,419 Hits, 452 Home Runs, as well as winning the Triple Crown in 1967.



The Ted Williams statue by Franc Talarico was completed in 2010 and depicts former Red Sox player Ted Williams. The statue is also an ode to the Jimmy Fund. The Jimmy Fund is an organization that helps support the fight against cancer in children and adults at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Neighboring the park, both owners and players have had the longest and most successful team-charity relationship in all of professional sports to help "hit a home run against cancer."

Williams was a seventeen-time All-Star, a two-time recipient of the American League Most Valuable Player Award, a six-time American League batting champion, and a two-time Triple Crown winner. He finished his playing career with a .344 batting average, 521 home runs, and a .482 on-base percentage, the highest of all time.



The Fenway Park Bronze Statues are part of a larger collaborative. There are 44 other bronze statues in front of ballparks around the country. Statues include famous baseball players such as Hank Aaron at Turner Field in Atlanta, GA.