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Opening of Calatrava's Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge

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International star-architect Santiago Calatrava has re-shaped our skyline — in the large-scale, modernist way that the design genius is famous for — with his sleek, white automotive bridge spanning from downtown to West Dallas. Next month, Calatrava's Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge opens for transport over the Trinity River, debuting with a three-day pedestrian frolic via a string of events during the weekend of March 2. Party-design whiz Todd Fiscus will direct two of the three out-of-this-world fêtes, so expect nothing less than a spectacle of grand fireworks, literally. On Friday, March 2, the ticketed Celebration Party for 2,000 guests will be held atop the bridge to benefit The Trinity Trust. A \$200 tariff grants access to dinner, dancing and a performance by Lyle Lovett and His Large Band. On Saturday, March 2, the MHH will draw even more supporters, this time for a gratis Street Fair — with all-day entertainment ranging from a live chalk art installation by artist Douglas Rouse to performances by Jonathan Tyler and The Northern Lights. Finally, early birds who rise at 6:50 am Sunday, March 4, can flutter to the Sunrise Blessing and Ribbon Cutting. We hear it will include plenty of pomp and circumstance — think ceremonial rites performed by hundreds of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, plus music from the Orchestra of New Spain and the Street Corner Symphony. Talk about a civic commotion of charitable proportions. *Tickets and information 214.740.1616; mhhbridgecelebration.com.*

Image: An over-the-top overpass: the Santiago Calatrava–designed Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge. Photo by Dana Driensky.

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