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Santiago Calatrava's Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge in Dallas

THE INNOVATIVE ARCHITECT UNVEILS HIS NEW ADDITION TO THE CITY'S SKYLINE

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The most dramatic addition to the Dallas skyline in recent memory comes in the form of a parabolic pylon of gleaming white steel. Rising 400 feet above the banks of the Trinity River, it acts as the central support for the newly completed Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge—named for the late philanthropist and designed by visionary architect and engineer Santiago Calatrava. Laced through that soaring arc are 58 cables, some eight inches thick, which extend in weblike sweeps to either side. When the bridge (Calatrava's first vehicular span in the U.S.) opens this month after five years of construction, it will allow for easy passage between downtown and the rapidly revitalizing neighborhood of West Dallas. A weekend celebration rolls out the carpet. *March 2–4; mhhbridgecelebration.com*

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