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**The Trinity Trust and the City of Dallas Host Santiago Calatrava and the Hunt Family With a Tour of Bridge Steel**

***An exciting major gift announcement is also planned***

**WHO:**

- Santiago Calatrava, internationally acclaimed architect, engineer, designer and artist. He is the architect of the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, the first signature bridge over the Trinity River.
- Mayor of Dallas Tom Leppert and the City of Dallas Councilmembers
- City of Dallas City Manager Mary Suhm
- The Trinity Trust Foundation President Gail Thomas, Board of Directors Chair Mary McDermott Cook and supporters
- The Hunt Family

**WHAT:** Organizers have scheduled a special tour of the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge construction site for Santiago Calatrava and invited guests to honor his visit to Dallas. With two shipments of steel at the construction site, Williams Brothers Construction and Texas Department of Transportation are working with the welders from Cimolai in Italy to assemble the bridge roadway and the 400-foot center arch. This is a great opportunity for them to see the enormous steel pieces, with the largest cylinder weighing 70 tons, or 140,000 pounds.

Once built, the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge will connect West Dallas to Woodall Rodgers Freeway, and it will focus attention on the river with this magnificent architectural signature bridge crossing over it.

The Trinity Trust will also make a major gift announcement during this time.

On Friday, Sept. 25, Mr. Calatrava will be a special guest for The Trinity Trust's "Bridging the Trinity" Bridge Fair. He will be joined by National Honorary Chairs U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson. Honorary Event Chairs are Mary McDermott Cook, Lyda Hill, Al Hill Jr. and Alinda Wikert. More information can be found at [www.bridgingthetrinity.com](http://www.bridgingthetrinity.com).

**WHEN:** **Thursday, Sept. 24, 3:00-4:00 p.m.**  
3:15 p.m. – Remarks, gift announcement and tour of steel

**WHERE:****NO RAIN:**

Trinity River Levee, next to construction for the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge.

**Media must RSVP and will receive directions to the construction site.**

**RAIN:**

A media briefing and the gift announcement will take place at The Trinity Trust, 1444 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 200, Dallas, TX 75207

**About The Trinity Trust Foundation and The Trinity Center:**

The Trinity Trust raises private funds to implement the Balanced Vision Plan for The Trinity project in conjunction with the City of Dallas. The Trinity Trust has established The Trinity Center as the gathering place for all civic and non-profit groups working to revitalize the Trinity River in Dallas. It houses the offices of The Trinity Trust Foundation, Texas Horse Park, Groundwork Dallas and Trinity Strand Trail; and hosts meetings, workshops and events for these organizations and the Trinity Commons Foundation. The Trinity Center facilitates collaboration between these entities and the City of Dallas and encourages seamless integration of all the components of The Trinity project. More information can be found by calling 214.740.1616, by emailing [info@thetrinitytrust.org](mailto:info@thetrinitytrust.org), or by visiting [www.thetrinitytrust.org](http://www.thetrinitytrust.org).

This fall, The Trinity Trust is sponsoring the "Suspense is Building" educational outreach campaign. Watch for distinctive billboards, backlit SmartSigns, a DART bus wrapped in the campaign's message, *The Dallas Morning News* ads, and area radio spots. For more information, visit [www.discoverthetrinity.org](http://www.discoverthetrinity.org).

**About the Trinity River Corridor Project:**

The projected \$2 billion Trinity River Corridor Project is the largest and most complex public works and urban development project undertaken by the City of Dallas, and one of the largest of its type in the nation. The project consists of five major components: flood protection, transportation, recreation, environment management, and business development. The Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, designed by internationally known architect Santiago Calatrava, is under construction and will be completed in 2011. A second Calatrava designed bridge, the Margaret McDermott Bridge (I-30), is planned for a later date. The Trinity River Audubon Center, a flagship location for the Texas Audubon Society, is a beautiful teaching and recreational site in the Great Trinity Forest. Gateway Parks, such as Moore Park Gateway, are under renovation, and Loop 12 Gateway is being designed. In addition, over ten miles of new trail has been completed as is the 70 acre Lower Chain of Wetlands. For project updates and to watch the bridge progress, visit: [www.trinityrivercorridor.org](http://www.trinityrivercorridor.org).

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