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Invitation to a lecture by

Santiago Calatrava

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Greetings:

Professor Zvi Galil, President of Tel Aviv University

Santiago Calatrava is an internationally recognized and award-winning Spanish architect, sculptor and structural engineer. Classed now among the elite designers of the world, he has offices in New York, Zurich, Valencia, Paris, and elsewhere. Calatrava's style has been heralded as bridging the division between structural engineering and architecture. In this, he continues a tradition of Spanish modernist engineering that includes Félix Candela and Antonio Gaudí. Nonetheless, his style is very personal and derives from numerous studies he makes of the human body and the natural world. Calatrava is also a prolific sculptor and painter, claiming that the practice of architecture combines all the arts into one. In 2005, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City held an exhibition of his artistic work, entitled "Santiago Calatrava: Sculpture into Architecture." Exhibitions of his work have also taken place in Germany, England, Spain, Italy and elsewhere.

Currently under construction is Calatrava's Jerusalem Railway Bridge, also known as The Strings (or Chords) Bridge, in reference to stringed musical instruments – "I thought the City of David deserves a bridge that looks like a harp, the instrument he played."

