



## East First Street Bridge Public Art Project



### Artist Ken Bernstein's Narrative Description

"Trinity" is the name of a 710 mile long river that flows entirely within the State of Texas. Alonso De Leon named the river "La Santisima Trinidad" ("the Most Holy Trinity") in 1690. The word is a derivation of the Latin Trinitas which means "the number three, a triad". The soon to be constructed First Street Bridge will span the Trinity as it travels through the City of Ft Worth.

I worked on several design approaches to this public art opportunity, and I kept coming back to images related to the river. I am fascinated by the wave form, which is an expression of motion in water and air or in any liquid or gas, and for that matter, we can see the artifacts of wave motion in many solid objects. So, I played with the wave form until I combined three waves into the sculpture that is represented here. It was only after I fell in love with this form that I started to think of a name for it. That only took a moment as it is obvious that the entry to the East First Street Bridge should declare the name of the river over which it is passing. The *Trinity* wave sculpture describes visually both the river's flowing nature and its name.

### Sculpture Details

There will be four sculptures, two at the east entry and two at the west entry to the bridge. Each sculpture will be composed of three stainless steel forms, approximately twelve feet tall, and lit from below with undulating light in blues and greens.

### About the Artist

A student of art, architecture and environmental design, Ken Bernstein graduated from the University of Colorado with a Fine Arts degree. His interdisciplinary education laid a strong foundation for his distinguished career as a public artist, an arena in which art impacts and interacts with the built environment and its surroundings.

Bernstein has been creating public and private art commissions for clients for more than 25 years, working in a variety of media including steel, stone, ceramics, glass, mosaics and paint. His durable creations enliven interior and exterior spaces across the country.



