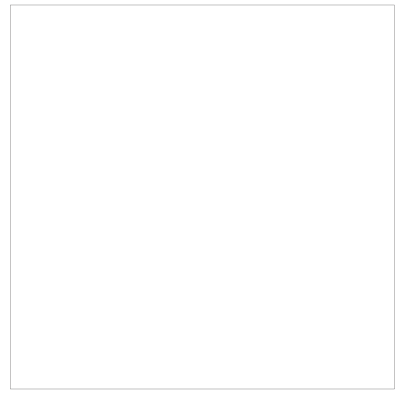


el puente



El Puente is an icon of cultural connection. Composed of metal cylinders wrapped in photovoltaic fabric and LED lights, the bridge will be a luminous presence that will take its place on San Jose's skyline, its strong form refining and dissolving the best elements of downtown's buildings and transforming them into an emblem of what brings past and future, the different cultures of the Bay Area, and the human-made and the natural together.

Designed to be an inhabitable work of art, El Puente derives its power from an elusive array of lights that will shimmer through a mesh screen covering. The large array of public spaces and structures that make up the monument are contained within its bridging form. The use of advanced display and energy harvesting technology will allow the structure to be a net contributor to the area's energy production without itself using fossil fuels.

