



**35W Bridge Remembrance Garden  
Dedication and Opening Ceremony  
Monday, August 1, 2011, 5 p.m.**

**Our lives are not only defined by what happens, but by how we act in the face of it,  
not only by what life brings us, but by what we bring to life.**

**Selfless actions and compassion create enduring community out of tragic events.**

## The Memorial Design by Oslund.and.Associates

The families of those who died in the collapse and the survivors worked closely with the City of Minneapolis to plan for this memorial. They originally selected Gold Metal Park for the site, where many people gathered and drew on communal strength and support in the aftermath. Oslund and Associates, the Park's designers, were engaged to develop the concept. Later the location was moved across the Parkway to a site with dramatic views of the Mississippi River and the Stone Arch bridge. The design intentionally incorporates a number of natural elements:

- Stone, which symbolizes stability and immortality.
- Arborvitae trees which are symbols of strength and live for centuries.
- Water, which has the ability to purify and regenerate.
- Darkness and light, which signifies the transition from tragedy into new life.



The main feature of the design is 13 steel I-beam and opaque glass columns engraved with the names of the victims and including text written by their families, some in their native languages. The columns line an 81' x 10' linear granite plaza. These dimensions reference the date of the bridge collapse, August 1, or 8/1. A phrase recognizing the first responders is etched into the face of one of the granite steps leading onto to the plaza. Benches for rest and contemplation are provided at either end.

Behind the columns is a black granite wall with a phrase in stainless steel that embodies the underlying values of the memorial. The names of 181 of the survivors are engraved on the wall, which is also a fountain. A sheet of water flows quietly over the polished surface creating a meditative environment. A path leads from the wall to the bluff edge and an overlook that allows for views of the River and creates a space for quiet reflection. The memorial is illuminated in the evening with LED lights within the columns, along the path to the overlook, and at the base of the water wall.

## Dedication Program

*Soave sia il vento* from Mozart's opera *Così fan tutte*

Performers: Christina Baldwin, Jennifer Baldwin Peden, Bradley Greenwald, Barbara Brooks

Governor Mark Dayton

Mayor R.T. Rybak

Column Text by the Families of the Victims for the 13 Columns

Readers: Bradley Blackhawk, Hal Eickstadt, Ron Engebretson, Father Leo Hausmann, Mark Holmes, Linda Seelen, Nick Carchedi, Leesa Dentinger, Paul McEllistrem, Bill Sathers, Mike Unger

Names of the Survivors

Readers: Melissa Hughes, Luis Rogers, Kim Dahl

Blessing

Rev. Patrick Cabello Hansel and Rev. Luisa Cabello Hansel,  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Moment of Silence

Release of Doves (6:05 p.m.)

The public is invited to view the memorial after the ceremony.

Special Note: Governor Dayton has ordered flags in the State to fly in half-staff in observation of the fourth anniversary of I-35W bridge collapse.



## Special Thanks

Funds have been donated by the attorneys who helped negotiate the Memorial fund and settlement, among others. Special thanks to all those who contributed to the design, particularly the families of the victims and survivors

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Over \$1.5million dollars has been raised to construct the Memorial and provide an endowment to support ongoing maintenance. If you are interested in making a donation to support ongoing care of the memorial, contact the Minneapolis Foundation.

**This garden is dedicated to those who were lost,  
those who survived, and those who responded with heroism and humanity—  
to all whose lives were forever changed at 6:05 p.m. on August 1, 2007**



City of Minneapolis