

Santiago Calatrava

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I. Life

Life



He is a neofuturistic Spanish architect, structural engineer, sculptor and painter.

He was born in Benimàmet, Valencia. When he was a child, he loves drawing and he wanted to be a painter, but his parents advised him to be an architect.

2. Studies

He started studying art in "Escuela de bellas artes y Oficios de Burjasot". One year after finishing in this school, he started studying in the university of Valencia. In 1973 he finished his degree and he got a special award for his brilliant marks in the university.



Escuela de bellas artes y Oficios de Burjasot



Universidad politécnica de Valencia

In 1975 he enrolled in the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zürich, Switzerland, for a second degree in civil engineering.

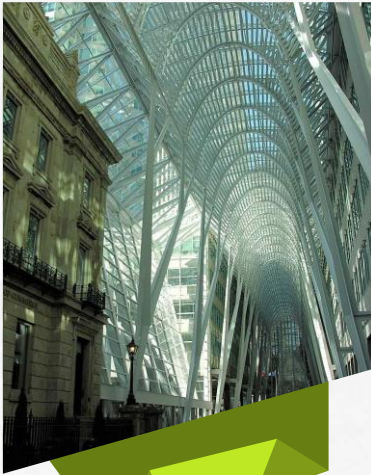
Between 1979 and 1981 he got a degree in civil engineering thanks to his thesis "the foldability of space frames". In 1981 he opened his first studio of architecture.



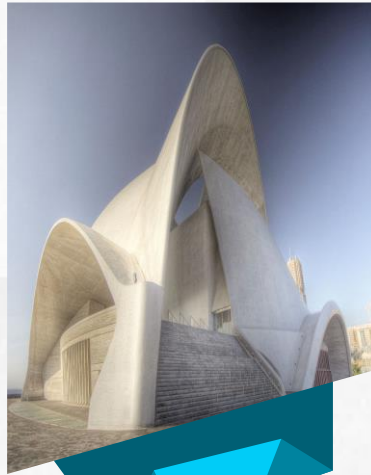
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology

3. Awards and buildings

Important buildings design by Calatrava



*Allen Lambert Galleria at Brookfield
Place, in Toronto, Canada*



Concer Hall in Tenerife



Turning Torso, Sweden

He has won 105 awards and 29 honorary degrees all over the world. He has received numerous recognitions for his design and engineering work, for example for his use of steel and concrete.



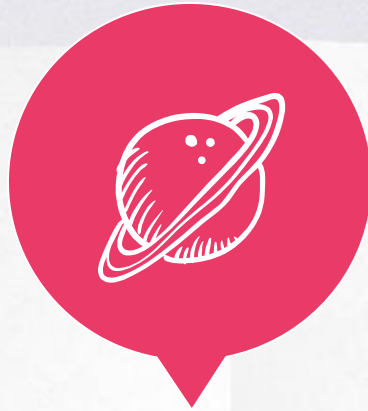
*Picking up the Princess of Asturias Award
(1999)*

4. Controversial issues
about his buildings

Many buildings designed by Calatrava have got problems with the financing or the maintenance. In fact, he has been defendant several times.



For example, L' Àgora in Valencia was a polemic building



How to recongnise Calatrava's works?

You can recognise his buildings thank to the his tipical white ornaments and the influence of great artist like Buonarroto or Gaudi.



The engineer's art is
the art of the possible.

-Santiago Calatrava



Thanks for your
attention!