



## SAN ANTONIO RIVERWALK ARTWORK

**MUKWONAGO, WI—JUNE 11, 2012**—As one of eleven artists selected by the San Antonio River Foundation to enhance the beauty of their city's iconic River Walk, Stuart Allen selected a stainless steel wire mesh manufactured by Banker Wire as his medium to apply his artistic expression. Allen, who studied architecture at Kansas University and graduated from the Kansas City Art Institute, is a visual artist whose work deals with fundamental elements of perception such as light, time, gravity and space. He has works throughout the US and abroad.

"Banker Wire stainless steel wire mesh had a perfect balance of wire spacing and diameter for my efforts challenging the boundaries between art and architecture," said Allen.

His minimalist suspended panel installations entitled 29° 25' 57" N / 98° 29' 13" W and 29° 26' 00" N / 98° 29' 07" W under the twin underpasses at McCullough and Brooklyn Avenues create a flickering, vibrant illusion and appear to shift and morph with changing patterns of texture and blocks of natural color for the passing visitors as their perspectives shift. The permanent art displays are 40' x 10' installations consisting of 300 24" x 48" individual, suspended, stainless steel panels - each enclosing five layers of woven, architectural mesh. The three inner layers of mesh are treated with powder coated color finishes offering the illusion. A total of 2,400 square feet of stainless steel wire mesh was used.

"The material required for the project needed to be storm and weather resistant," added Allen. "Banker Wire provided excellent product in a very timely and cost effective manner. They even rushed samples to me to test my applications beforehand.

Harrison Horan, vice president of Banker Wire, said M13Z-179 is a versatile wire mesh lending itself well to diverse architectural considerations. It has a rigid cable weave and is available in copper-based alloys, aluminum, mild steel and stainless steel.

Headquartered in southeastern Wisconsin, Banker Wire is the worldwide leader in the manufacture of wire mesh for architectural and industrial applications. Products include highly customizable woven and welded wire mesh. Banker Wire consistently challenges the status quo and creates cutting-edge wire mesh products designed to meet and exceed its customers' needs and desires. For more information, visit [www.bankerwire.com](http://www.bankerwire.com).

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### **About Banker Wire**

Banker Wire is the world's leading manufacturer of woven and welded wire mesh for architectural and industrial applications. With the most modern and productive mill in the U.S., Banker Wire provides custom-woven material for any aesthetic on any scale - from intricate design highlights to expansive building facades. Founded in 1896, Banker Wire's manufacturing expertise has been refined for more than a century, bringing unmatched customization, quality, and service to customers. State-of-the-art grid welding equipment provides a wide variety of wire alloy, spacing and diameter configurations, trimmed or untrimmed. For more information visit [www.bankerwire.com](http://www.bankerwire.com).

### **About Architectural Woven Wire Mesh**

Pre-crimped woven wire mesh is constructed of individual wires that are crimped prior to being woven together on a loom. Pre-crimping the wires provides a much higher degree of control during the weaving process. This allows for far more intricate and interesting patterns, as well as unique customization, to meet the vision of the designer. Banker Wire has refined and innovated its crimping process more than any other manufacturer, delivering more than 8,000 different spacing, diameter, and crimp combinations, plus endless customization options. As a result, Banker can make any woven wire mesh pattern imaginable - manufactured to specify for any project type.

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