



Cradle of Champions

Fort Worth, Texas

The “Cradle of Champions” sculpture was hot-dip galvanized for longevity of corrosion control, which was a concern due to the piece’s prolonged exposure to the outdoor elements and environment. Galvanizing was also specified for its aesthetically pleasing appearance for this artistic endeavor.

The sculpture stands 16 feet tall in the shape of the state of Texas, with a three-dimensional football emerging from the center of the state and an oil rig at the base. It is assembled of steel recycled from the demolished Texas Stadium along with scraps of steel from as many as 1,400 Texas high schools.

The structure was erected in Sundance Square in downtown Fort Worth as part of the Super Bowl XLV festivities. The sculpture stood near the ESPN broadcast main stage during the game, and will be permanently housed at the new Texas Christian University (TCU) stadium, where it will likely garner even more local, regional, and national exposure.

The “Cradle of Champions” is another worthy piece added to Fort Worth’s public art portfolio. It was donated by Gerdau Ameristeel to the city of Fort Worth in celebration of high school football in Texas. The sculpture was viewed worldwide on TV during the Super Bowl, and published in several publications including The Wall Street Journal. 🌐



Galvanizer
Sabre Galvanizing

Fabricator
Gerdau Ameristeel

Other
Thorton Steel

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