



Zitkala-Ša (Red Bird): A View into Two Worlds

By Michelle Delaney

More than fifty years ago, the Smithsonian received a dozen 1898 photographic portraits of Zitkala-Ša (Red Bird), an accomplished Yankton Sioux writer, violinist, and composer who was also an outspoken advocate for Indigenous rights and women's suffrage. The images of the twenty-two-year-old Zitkala-Ša were created by Gertrude Käsebier, a prominent American portrait photographer in New York City. Käsebier's granddaughter, Mina Turner, donated the images to the Smithsonian in 1969. The collaborative session captured a lasting, beautiful depiction of a life lived in two very different cultures.

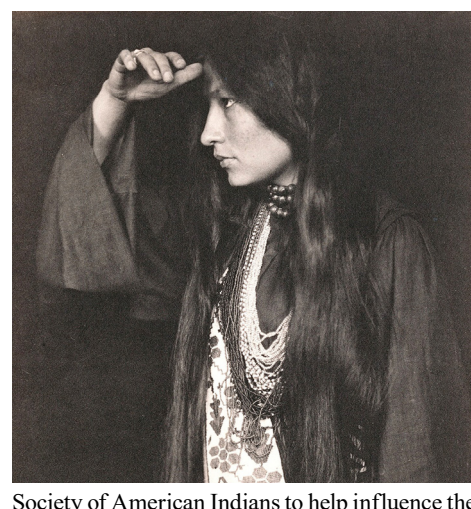
Zitkala-Ša, whose English name was Gertrude Simmons Bonnin, was born in 1876 to a German father and Native American mother, who raised her on the Yankton Indian Reservation in South Dakota. As a youth, she attended a Quaker boarding school in Wabash, Indiana, called the White's Manual Labor Institute. She would later attend Earlham College in Indiana until 1897, when

her natural musical talents drew her to the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston for two years.

Although more than two decades apart in age, the women became friends and Käsebier encouraged Zitkala-Ša to continue her music training. Zitkala-Ša became a concert violinist and composer. In 1913, she collaborated on "The Sun Dance Opera," one of the first operas about an American Indian topic.

Throughout her life, Zitkala-Ša worked tirelessly for American Indian citizenship rights, independence, and sovereignty. While at Earlham College, she became known as a scholar and celebrated orator who firmly opposed the "Americanization" of Indigenous people. She later penned articles for publications such as *Atlantic Monthly* and *Harper's Weekly* as well as short stories and books that reflected upon the duality of living in two different cultures.

In 1902, she married Raymond Talephause Bonnin, who was of Yankton-European ancestry. After relocating with her husband and son to the Washington, DC, region in 1917, she joined the



Society of American Indians to help influence the United States Congress to pass the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924 and the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934. She created the Indian Welfare Committee within the General Federation of Women's Clubs

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 District DOT Contract
 Bid Date: March 31, 2025

Description of project:
 H Street Bridge NE (Hopscotch Bridge), constructed in 1977, is located immediately north of Union Station, and links North Capitol Street to 3rd Street NE. The bridge spans 1,442 feet over 1st Street, NE, the Metro red line tracks, Amtrak tracks and platforms, and 2nd Street, NE. The purpose of the project is to replace the bridge to match its current configuration and operations for pedestrian, vehicle, bus and transit while not precluding future adjacent projects. The replacement of the bridge is needed to address deficiencies identified in the 2018 Bridge Inspection Report.

Many bidding opportunities are available: asphalt paving, bearings furnish and install, bridge deck overlay/grinding and grooving, condition survey, concrete barrier walls, curb and gutter/sidewalk/flatwork, deep foundations, demolition, earthwork, electrical/ITS/lighting/catenary, erosion and sediment control, equipment hauling, expansion joint furnish and install, hazmat mitigation services, permanent fencing, site security/temporary fencing, formwork, geoinstrumentation, granite works, maintenance of traffic, material testing, miscellaneous metals, modular joints furnish and install, noise and vibration monitoring, pavement markings, pest control, rebar furnish and install, roll off dumpsters, sawcutting, sheeting and shoring (sheet piles, tie-backs, underpinning, bracing), signing, site furnishings, storm drainage furnish and install, storm drainage pipe cleaning, structural steel furnish and erection, survey, sweeping, temporary barriers, temporary toilets, traffic control, traffic signals, trucking/hauling, utility relocation, welding, testing and inspection, and more!

If you are interested in bidding on this project, please contact Skanska's Outreach Coordinator: Aislinn.Speranza@skanska.com • EOE/Vet/Disabled

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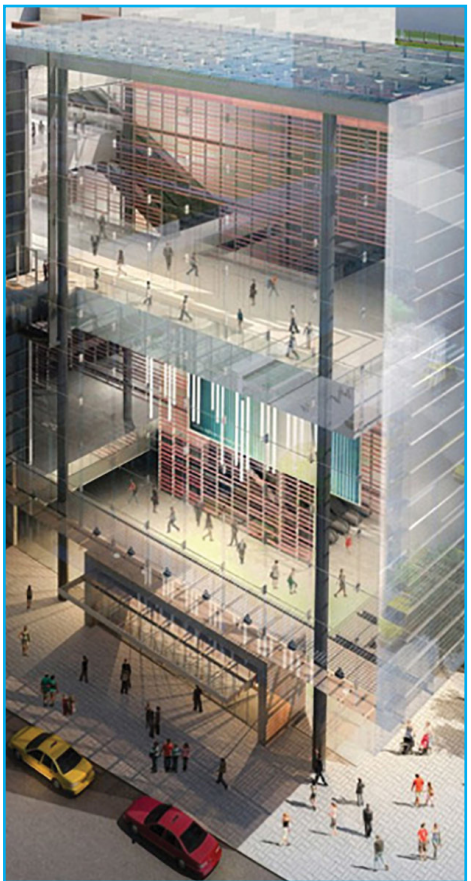
Design-Build Services for the Main Cable Dehumidification at the Verrazzano Narrows Bridge in the Borough of New York City
 MTA Construction and Development Contract No. VN-8Q
 Bid Date: April 18, 2025

Description of work:

1. Installation of a main cable dehumidification system on the four cables of the Verrazzano Narrows Bridge;
2. Replacement of the cable band bolts throughout all four main cables;
3. Internal main cable inspection of 12 panels;
4. Internal inspection of four additional main cable panels as directed by the PCEO;
5. Replacement of the messenger cables on the main cables;
6. Replacement of the aerial obstruction lights and supports on the main cables;
7. Installation and removal of temporary main cable access platforms necessary to perform the work;
8. Provide maintenance and protection of traffic throughout the project;
9. Installation of an acoustic monitoring system on all four cables;
10. Replacement and painting of all hand ropes and stanchions on all four cables;
11. Maintenance and monitoring of the main cable dehumidification system for five (5) years after commissioning and system acceptance; and
12. Maintenance and monitoring of the acoustic monitoring system for 5 years after commissioning and system acceptance.

Goals: 15% MBE, 15% WBE, 6% SDVOB

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 Proposal bid date April 18, 2025. For further information concerning subcontracting and/or purchasing opportunities, and to register as a subcontractor or vendor, please respond to solicitations@tutorperini.com or contact Arlene McBayne at (914) 739-1908. Come and join our team!



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Design-Build Services for LIRR West Side Yard Flood Mitigation Measures
 MTA Construction and Development Contract No. 6401
 Bid Date: April 3, 2025

Description of project:
 Design, furnish, construct, and install concrete perimeter flood walls, seepage cut-off barriers below the concrete flood walls, flood gates, deployable flood barriers, sump pumps, a tide gate chamber, drainage system improvements, workable aisles and a diesel generator, an automatic transfer switch, ancillary electrical equipment, and required communications.

This project will develop flood protection solutions for the West Side Yard in order to prevent and mitigate flooding of the LIRR Tunnels. The flood protection along the WSY perimeter will be accomplished via a combination of permanent flood walls and deployable flood barriers.

Many bidding opportunities are available: deep foundations, minipiles, jetgrout, sheeting, rebar installation, concrete supply, site work, electrical work, painting, paving, curb and sidewalk, site utilities.

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 Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm
 Online
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
 Contact: Patrice Dozier, patrice.dozier@sba.gov
 Fee: Free; registration required

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8(a) Orientation and SAM Registration Webinar
 Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 10:30 am–12:00 pm
 Online
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
 Contact: SBA Illinois District Office, 312-353-4528, illinois.do@sba.gov
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Selling to the Federal Government Webinar
 Thursday, March 27, 2025, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm
 Online
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