

44 Places to Go in 2009: #17 Dallas

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[The New York Times](#) has come out with its list "[The 44 Places to Go in 2009](#)," a list of the most compelling destinations in 2009 and [Dallas](#) ranks No. 17.

In the write up for Dallas the New York Times says:

"Everything is bigger in Texas, and the Dallas art district is no exception. Billed as 'the largest urban arts district in the United States,' the 19-block area gets bigger when the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts opens Oct. 12.

The gleaming center includes the Dee and Charles Wily Theater, a floating cubelike structure designed by Rem Koolhaas that will be home to the Dallas Black Dance Theater and others.

Next door is the 2,200-seat Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House. Designed by Norman Foster, the glass box features a red, tubelike core where the Dallas Opera will perform.

Orchestrating the move is [George Steel](#), a [Leonard Bernstein](#) protege who will serve as the operation new executive director."

The first place on the list is [Beirut](#) and the last is Zambia. Dallas is sandwiched between Monterrey, Mexico at No. 16 and Bhutan at No. 18.



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Dallas skyline showing traffic on Stemmons Freeway at night.