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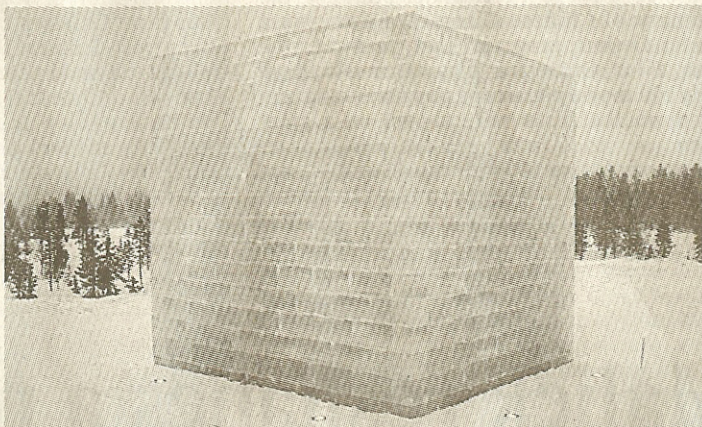
MACAO ARTS

THE 17TH MACAO ARTS FESTIVAL will take place from March 11 to April 1, showcasing a wealth of unusual cultural events.

The festival aims to draw awareness to the cultural diversity of different countries, and it includes varied performing artists from around the world.

Highlights include Vietnamese water puppetry, dance performed by the Compagnie Marie Chouinard and set to the music of Chopin, and Czech theater.

The long cultural link between Portugal and Macao will be particularly emphasized, with the innovative Portuguese group Ala dos Namorados performing with the Macao Chinese Orchestra. The impact of Chinese culture will also be highlighted with plays and performances from the Beijing Opera. See more at www.icm.gov.mo/fam/17/indexE.asp.



Jeffrey Debany, Courtesy of Fung Collaboratives/The Snow Show

SNOW SHOWS IN ITALY

COINCIDING WITH THE OPENING of the 20th Winter Olympic Games, the Snow Show 2006 will take place from Feb. 6 to March 19 in Sestriere, Italy, as part of the art and cultural program of the Games.

Combining two artistic disciplines, the event invites world-renowned artists and architects to work in pairs with the medium of ice and snow to create a final artistic structure. The installations will then

be opened to the public.

Notable participants collaborating in the event include Daniel Buren and Patrick Bouchain, Kiki Smith and Lebbeus Woods, and Yoko Ono and Arata Isozaki (whose 2004 work, "Penal Colony," is pictured).

Each architectural work created will encompass more than 100 square meters. More details at www.thesnowshow.com.

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