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Art by Numbers: A 1,000-Foot Halo, and Jasper Johns

September

CAI GUO-QIANG, 'LIGHT CYCLE' Mr. Cai, who is known for his literally combustive artworks, will produce an "explosion event" to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Central Park. The centerpiece of the high-tech fireworks display will be a 1,000-foot-high halo of fire and light. Organized by Creative Time, the show is scheduled for 7:45 p.m. on Sept. 15 and is supposed to last just four or five minutes, so don't be late. Check Creative Time's Web site for a hot-line phone number for information updates. www .creativetime.org. Meanwhile, the Asia Society will present an exhibition of Mr. Cai's gunpowder drawings and studies for the project from Tuesday to Dec. 14. (212) 288-6400. www.asiasociety.org

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