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CHARLESTON, IL--Internationally-known artist John David Mooney will transform O'Brien Stadium into "an environmental light sculpture" on Saturday at 7 p.m. as part of Celebration 83, a festival of the arts at Eastern Illinois University.

Mooney said he would create his sculpture through "luminaries," paper sacks covering approximately 2500 lighted candles packed with sand to stay in place.

He said he will use these luminaries to "accentuate and decorate the entire stadium," to "entertain and amaze the people who come to see it."

Mooney said there has been nothing like this done before and he is very excited about having the opportunity to attempt it. He did not say what design the candles would take in the finished product.

He said he enjoys using everyday materials and reversing the roles of the stands and the field. He said the space usually occupied by people will be taken up by the light sculpture and the spectators will view it from the field, amidst another part of the sculpture.

Preparation of the sculpture will take two days, Mooney said, and he said he will require 20-30 people from the University and the Charleston area to aid in preparation of the candles and paper bags.

In addition to his exhibition, Mooney will also lecture on his works of art, using slide presentations as illustrations. He will speak at 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center, room 202.

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John David Mooney

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He is well known for his works:

--"A Doll's House for Lady Di," which has been described by the Chicago Tribune as a "toy house and, above all, a sculpture." It uses clouds and stairsteps as themes, with pieces of furniture added on different levels. It will be taken to Great Britain for exhibition alongside other dollhouses.

--"Starsteps," a light sculpture placed on top of the Metromedia, Inc. building at the corner of the Hollywood Freeway and Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles.

The 133-foot long and 35-foot high work is made of steel and light.

--"Light Levels," an urban street piece which consisted of over 500 automobile headlights placed in front of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago.

--"Zagreb Light Lines," a quarter-mile long light sculpture designed for the traffic which flowed on either side and the pedestrians who walked through.

--Twelve major works at the Art Park in upstate New York in 1982, including the "Celtic Maze," which was similar to what he will attempt at Eastern.

Besides designing his sculpture for Eastern, Mooney is also working on a light and steel sculpture to be placed on East 67th Street in New York City. The work will be eight stories high and one-half block long.

His work is currently on exhibit in the National Gallery of Art in Edinburgh, Scotland. He has also received a grant to do an environmental sculpture for the Columbus International Airport, Ohio.