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DANCE

"OASIS"

To celebrate the (not quite finished) renovation of Columbus Park, in Chinatown, the Shanghai-born H. T. Chen—founder of the Asian-American dance group H. T. Chen & Dancers—and the young downtown dancer and choreographer Sharon Estacio have created site-specific works that will be performed side by side, as part of the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's free "Sitelines" series. Using Chinese newspapers, paper parasols, pillows, and oranges, the dancers will evoke and tweak the multiple roles of the urban park as shared space, locus of the absurd, and, ideally, haven of contemplation and beauty. (Baxter, Mulberry, Bayard, and Worth Sts. 212-219-9401. Aug. 9-10 at 7 and Aug. 11 at 12:30. Through Aug. 18.)