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PHILADELPHIA ARTIST EXHIBITS IN NEW YORK'S MUSEUM OF MODERN ART POOL

A pool in the sculpture garden of The Museum of Modern Art in New York was the scene for a floating ice piece that intrigued visitors at the July 2 opening of a new show, INFORMATION. The ice piece, which formed a sculpture-like mass of 8 tons of ice in blocks, was the work of Philadelphia artist Raphael Ferrer.

In addition to the ice piece now existing only in photographs in the galleries, Mr. Ferrer exhibits photographic documentation of "Deflected Fountain 1970. For Marcel Duchamp," showing that on May 14, the artist changed the vertical flow of water in the fountain of the Philadelphia Museum of Art courtyard.

Mr. Ferrer is one of more than 150 artists from 15 countries in the show which will be on view through September 20. Selected by Kynaston McShine, Associate Curator, Department of Painting and Sculpture, INFORMATION is a report on the recent activity of young artists, many of whom have never been shown in this country. "These artists," comments Mr. McShine, "are questioning our prejudices, asking us to renounce our inhibitions and if they are reevaluating the nature of art, they are also asking that we reassess what we have always taken for granted as our accepted and cultural conditioned aesthetic response to art." The common denominator among all of the artists is that each is trying to extend the idea of art beyond traditional categories.

Born in 1933 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Mr. Ferrer teaches at the Philadelphia College of Art. He has had nine one-man shows including exhibits at the University of Puerto Rico Museum, the Pan American Union in Washington, D.C., the Galerie M.E. Thelen in Essen, Germany and the Leo Castelli Gallery in New York. Among his group shows were those at the Peale Galleries, Pennsylvania Academy of Art; Martha Jackson Gallery, New York; Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam and the Whitney Museum, New York.

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