


HSBC Celebration of Light

Rabi Sun took this phenomenal photograph during this year's HSBC Celebration of Light. What makes this photograph even more apropos is that this was taken while the country of South Africa (with a theme "Tapestry of Color") was competing last year. Although Team China won last year's overall competition, South Africa (under very bizarre—and dangerous—weather conditions) had almost as much lightning as they did fireworks! Obviously, when the Vancouver organizers say an event will go on "rain or shine," they mean it!

Since 1990, Vancouver, Canada has hosted the "Celebration of Light" (formerly known as the Symphony of Fire). This international pyromusical fireworks competition attracts many of the world's leading fireworks designers and choreographers, and is considered to be a highly prestigious event. Much more than just a simple fireworks display competition, the HSBC Celebration of Light has grown into one of the largest fireworks competitions in the world. Each year three countries battle it out in front of a large audience that numbers in the hundreds of thousands. They compete over 4 nights for a chance to be crowned as the display champion. Each country puts on a 25-minute show on a separate night, with a Grand Finale—where everyone competes—on Saturday. If you're interested in attending, this year's Celebration of Light will be held from July 28th through July 31st. 



The competing company expertly captured in this photograph is "Fireworks for Africa." Read their story in this issue starting on page 10.

"Despite the rain and continuous thunder that night, South Africa did not disappoint their spectators. Their fireworks showcase was first-class and managed to keep the majority of the crowd at the beach (many of whom did not have umbrellas) despite the rain."

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