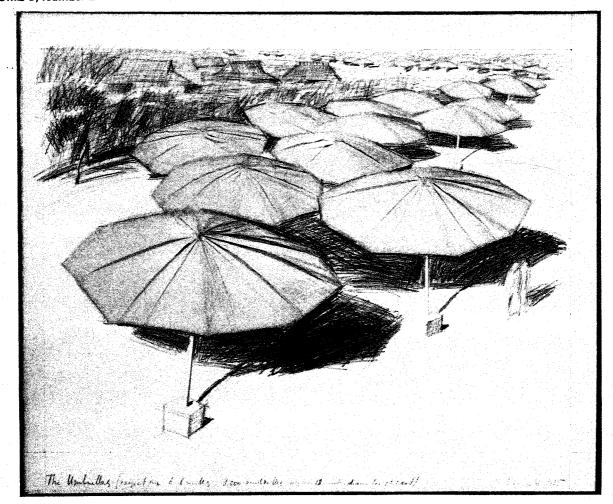


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## CHRISTO ANNOUNCES UMBRELLAS PROJECT

Christo has just announced his next project, which will be thousands of umbrellas, 18 feet high and 24 feet in diameter, which will meander in the landscape for several miles, simultaneously in Japan and the Western part of the United States, as a two-site project.

The octagonal shape umbrellas will run alongside roads and riverbanks, crossing rural areas, fields and intersections in suburban areas in both Japan and the western US. Sometimes in clusters, then in a line or spaced from each other, *The Umbrellas* ocasionally will slightly tilt according to the slope of the terrain on which they rest.

The project will last for two weeks, approached and enjoyed either by car from a distance and closer as they border the road, or in a promenade route. As with every project of temporary works of art, *The Umbrellas* will be entirely financed by Christo through the sale of his prepatory drawings, studies and early works.