

# What's On Right Now

The Arts Festival is the talk of February, but it's certainly not the only entertainment in town

## BACK ON TRACK

**T**HE GUN GOES OFF FOR THE Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon on Feb 4 at 7am, at the Cultural Centre in Tsimshatsui. The race is divided into the 10km, the half marathon, and the one for the money, the \$64,000-purse marathon itself. If you're reading this just before the big day, you could still join thousands of other running enthusiasts in any of these races. Or, maybe you just prefer to watch. Either way, call 2577-0800 for more information.

## MUSICAL GEMS

DON'T MISS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY to catch classical Chinese music, played by some of the best musicians around, in *Gems of Chinese Music—Chinese Music Virtuosi in Concert*. The shows are on Feb 17 and 18 at the Yuen Long Theatre Auditorium and the Hong Kong City Hall Concert Hall respectively. Call 2734-9009 for inquiries—tickets are \$90 to \$200 at all URBIX outlets.

## POWER SHOTS

FROM FEB 1-18, *FOCUS AT THE FRONTLINE-A Photojournalistic Account Contest* presents the best journalistic pho-

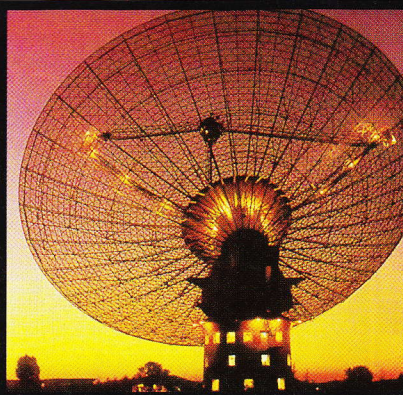
tos of the year, with 79 candidates submitting over 600 pieces this year. It's on the 3rd and 4th floors of the Hong Kong Arts Centre (2582-0200), and admission is free.

## GARDNER AND GILES

ALEXIA GARDNER, ACCOMPANIED BY SAXOPHONIST Brooks Giles and the Brooks Giles Trio, will sing at the Kowloon Shangri-La's Blue Note (2721-2111 ext. 8916). Alexia is a critically acclaimed blues vocalist from the UK, and Giles, from New York, has been one of the top jazz musicians to see in Hong Kong since last year. You can catch them from the 9th onwards.

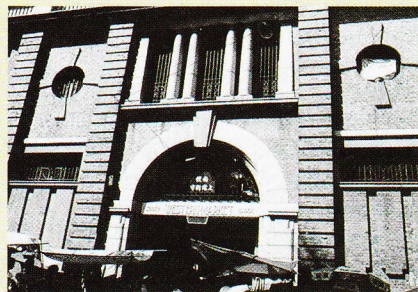
## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

CONTINUING THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY AT the Hong Kong Space Museum is the new Sky Show, *UFO Files*. Projected upon the



**Top: Brooks Giles and Alexia Gardner**  
**Above: *Gems of Chinese Music***  
**Left: *UFO Files* at the Hong Kong Space Museum**

## EDITOR'S CHOICE



The **Central and Western Heritage Trail** is officially complete, and if you're into walks through historic cities, this might be up your alley. The third and final phase, the Western District and the Peak Route, links 25 historical buildings and sites throughout some of Hong Kong's most famous areas. Maps are available at the Antiquities and Monuments Office (2721-2326), located at 136 Nathan Road in Tsimshatsui.

ceiling of the museum's egg-shaped planetarium, the film explores scientists' searches for extraterrestrial life in outer space and on our own planet. Tickets are available at URBIX outlets and the Space Museum. Call 2721-0226 for inquiries.

## OUR HI-TECH FUTURE

THE NEWLY OPENED HONG KONG HERITAGE Museum is exploring dimensions and opportunities created by digital technology. *Art +01—A Digital Exploration* is an exhibition with 10 local artists that runs throughout the month. For more information, call 2180-8188.