



GOLDEN EYE: From the passing motorist's vantage, the Mylar canopy on Silver Lake Boulevard seems poised to suck the Spanish Revival residences on either side of it into its downward-drifting funnel. Inside the installation, which went up this summer and comes down in November, the shimmering computer-cut fabric envelops a visitor in celestial fish scales. The dappled light upon a pebble-strewn floor evokes a Zen rock garden; the bank of hay bales-cum-theater seats recalls the lowa State Fair. The public artwork, called Maximilian's Schell, was named after the Austrian actor who played the scheming scientist in Disney's 1979 film The Black Hole. "The piece is a lot about gravity," says Echo Park-based architect Benjamin Ball, who designed the apparatus with his partner, Gaston Nogues. "We didn't want to be serious about making a scientific metaphor, so we used a Disney movie that wasn't that great."