

Tibetan monks create and destroy

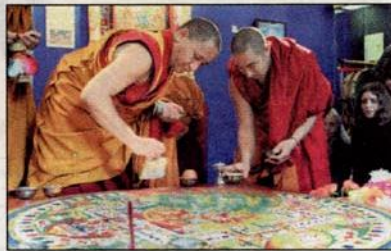


Mandala: The finished work of art before it was ritually poured into the River Avon Pictures: Clare Green

A bizarre display of Asian monk art took place in Bath.

Eight skilled monks took six painstaking days to create a wonderful sand mosaic before spending an hour to completely destroy it.

The religious ritual was carried out at the Museum of East Asian Art in Bennett Street yesterday, before the coloured sand grains were thrown off Pulteney Bridge. The monks, originally from Tashi Lhunpo monastery in Tibet, are visiting the museum as part of its Tibet season of events.



Create: The team of monks hard at work on the sand mosaic, left



Destroy: The multi-coloured sand design is consigned to oblivion near Pulteney Bridge, left