

# MARCO DELLA TORRE

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## Sine titolo

**Cittadella Giudiziaria, Salerno, Italia, 2001**

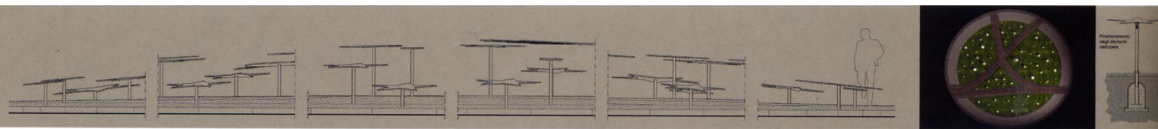
**Artist / Artista:** Raffaella Nappo

**Promoter / Promotore:** Comune di Salerno

This sculpture was designed for a competition held for the design of a work of art to be installed in the main entrance hall of the new courthouse in Salerno, and is composed of a flower that sustains a sphere. The sphere is 180 cm in diameter and consists of an external layer in carbon fibre with a transparent finishing coat, an intermediate layer in PVC foam and an internal layer in glass fibre and epoxy resin.

The curved surface of the sphere rests on top of the flower, which consists of an acrylic calyx and leaves, created through a numerically controlled milling process, and a stalk, also in acrylic, which has luminous optic fibres running through it. The construction also has a 1 cm high base with a stainless steel element filled with neoprene containing a predisposed connection for the optic fibres inside the stalk.

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## Campo stellare

**Premio ArteGiovane, Torino, Italia, 2002**

**Artist / Artista:** Raffaella Nappo

**Promoters / Promotori:** Centro Congressi Torino Incontra, Fondazione CRT, Compagnia di San Paolo

The installation represents a starry cosmos that consists of four planets, twelve satellites, fifty-two stars, a moon and a sun, all set in a field of artificial grass. Each element is set on an Alucobond panel supported by steel rods. These panels vary in height from 20 cm to 1 m and are characterized by their varying angles, which allow each of them to be part of the curve of a virtual lens. The lower part of

each panel is glued to a steel plate which is in turn soldered to an adjustable joint that allows the angle of each panel to be set. These joints are soldered to the sustaining steel rods, which are set into small foundation plinths of prefabricated reinforced concrete. The elements that comprise this *Campo stellare* are all painted in reflective fluorescent paint that makes its starry cosmos visible by night.

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