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Artist Statement

I love creating installations and sculptures that provide soothing and silly respite from our chaotic world.

It started with a drivable cupcake car. A mutant vehicle, if you will.
From there, I created a big spaceship-shaped, illuminated bench, dripping with fiber optics.

And now, as a self-proclaimed cat lady, I make commissioned and public cat sculptures shaped with welded, mild steel rings.

My current cat-based installation, Trust, is heading to Burning Man this summer and will, hopefully, find a public, permanent home when it returns. Purr...

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Education

1964-Present: Figuring it out as I go.

Grants & Awards

2018: Black Rock City Honoraria, Stardust

2019: Black Rock City Honoraria, Purr Pods

2022: Ruth Bancroft Gardens/Sculpture in the Garden Honoraria, Demure Le Purr

2023: Black Rock City Honoraria, Trust

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Exhibitions & Festivals

Underwater Psychedelic Disco Cat Box

2022: Golden Guy Gallery, Burning Man, Black Rock City, NV

2022: Autumn Lights Festival, The Gardens at Lake Merritt, Oakland, CA

2023: Portland Winter Light Festival, Portland, OR

Demure Le Purr

2021: Spring Kitten, Boundless Space: The Possibilities of Burning Man, Sotheby's, NY, NY

2021: Glow Cats, Autumn Lights Festival, The Gardens at Lake Merritt, Oakland, CA

2022: Glow Cats, Portland Winter Light Festival, Portland, OR

2022: Glow Cats, VW Bus Camp, Burning Man, Black Rock City, NV

2022: Glow Cats, Ruth Bancroft Gardens/Garden of D'Lights, Walnut Creek, CA

2023: Glow Cats, Portland Winter Light Festival, Portland, OR

Purr Pods

2019: Burning Man, Black Rock City, NV

2019-2020, 2021-2022: Point San Pablo Harbor, Richmond, CA

2020-2021: Gallivan Center, Downtown Salt Lake City, UT

2020-Present: Ashton Court Mansion, Bristol, England

2020-Present: Museum of the American House Cat/Downtown, Sylva, NC

2022-Present: Hesperian Triangle, San Leandro, CA

Stardust

2018: Burning Man, Black Rock City, NV

2019: Portland Winter Light Festival, Portland, OR

2019: Bay Area Maker Faire, San Mateo, CA

Devils Food Cupcake/Space Muffin Mutant Vehicle

2014-2018: Burning Man, Black Rock City, NV

2014-2015: Bay Area Maker Faire, (Devils Food Cupcake), San Mateo, CA

2014-2015: Portland Mini Maker Faire, (Devils Food Cupcake), Portland, OR

2015: "Sugar" OMSI After Dark, (Devils Food Cupcake), Portland, OR

2019: Bay Area Maker Faire, (Space Muffin), San Mateo, CA