



## Artist Bio

Paige Tashner, native Oregonian, East Bay California transplant and longtime Burning Man participant, has been sharing her sense of creativity and quirkiness for several years.

In 2014, she created the whimsical cupcake-inspired mutant vehicle, **Devils Food Cupcake**, which debuted at Burning Man that same year. It was later revamped into the **Space Muffin** to enhance the experience of her first ever large-scale installation, **Stardust**, a 9 ft. diameter, 10 ft. high, glowing, spaceship bench.

In 2018, Paige was awarded a Black Rock City Honoraria Grant to share **Stardust** out in deep playa with Burning Man participants.

**Stardust** went on to grace the snowy Portland Winter Lights Festival in Oregon in 2019 and the cozy Dark Room of the Bay Area Maker Faire later that spring.

In 2019, she received her second consecutive Black Rock City Honoraria Grant for the **Purr Pods**. The Purr Pods, inspired by her own pets, are 3 large, metal, interactive cat sculptures that envelop participants in sonic vibrations leaving them feeling revived. At night, these kitties glow with enchanting, color-changing LEDs. In addition to Burning Man, people have experienced the Purr Pods in Richmond, CA, Sylva, NC, Salt Lake City, UT and Bristol, England.

## Artist's Statement

I've been blown away by the scale and professionalism of the incredible art out on the playa at Burning Man year after year but I have to admit, it's also intimidating.

I hesitate to call myself an artist but I did create my own mutant vehicle. Yay me! People's reactions to it - waving, hugging it, pretending to bite it, asking me how I built it - is the most satisfying aspect of that project.

So satisfying, in fact, I wanted to make something bigger. So I did!

As an introvert, it was incredibly important to me that my two large-scale installations, Stardust (2018) and Purr Pods (2019), provide a soothing oasis for over-stimulated souls.

Through my umbrella enterprise, Laser Eyes of Love, I hope to create art that continues to provide a pleasurable and delightful respite.

# Artist Resume

## Projects

### **Devils Food Cupcake 2014 - 2017 | Space Muffin 2018 - Present Personal Electric Mutant Vehicle**

Debuted 2014 at Burning Man as the Devils Food Cupcake  
Returned 2015, 2016, 2017

<http://www.scottlondon.com/photo/burningman2015/053.html>  
<http://www.scottlondon.com/photo/burningman2017/067.html>

Debuted 2018 at Burning Man as the Space Muffin

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/jamenpercy/43829016725/in/album-72157671215489297/>  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/leorigill/48135888337/in/album-72157709270382303/>

## Exhibitions

**Bay Area Maker Faire** (as Devils Food Cupcake), 2014, 2015  
San Mateo, California

**Portland Mini Maker Faire** (as Devils Food Cupcake) 2014, 2015  
Portland, Oregon

**“Sugar” OMSI After Dark** (as Devils Food Cupcake), 2015  
Portland, Oregon

**Bay Area Maker Faire** (as the Space Muffin), 2019  
San Mateo, California

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## Projects

### **Stardust**

#### **2018 Black Rock City Honoraria Grant Recipient**

Stardust is a whimsical oasis. It beckons explorers with soft, pulsing beams; motion triggers landing lights. A flying saucer-shaped bench provides an ideal view of the Black Rock Desert sky. Overhead, the twinkle of “stardust” soothes over-stimulated souls. Debuted at Burning Man, 2018.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/leorigill/48135769271/in/album-72157709270382303/>

### **Burning Man Gallery**

<https://gallery.burningman.org/asset/022e7917-de65-4140-b7dd-127439036d2e?i=1&q=stardust>  
<https://gallery.burningman.org/asset/ab0c273c-690a-46ca-97df-0b73049527f8?i=2&q=stardust>

## Presentations

### **Desert Arts Preview, 2018**

San Francisco, California

<https://burningman.org/events/desert-arts-preview-2018/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsqWkirZcGE>

### **Ottawa Mini Maker Faire, 2018**

Ottawa, Ontario Canada

## Exhibitions

### **Portland Winter Lights Festival, 2019**

Portland, Oregon

<https://www.pdxwlf.com/stardust>

### **Bay Area Maker Faire, 2019**

San Mateo, California

<https://makerfaire.com/maker/entry/69356/>

## Social Media

Website: <https://www.wearestardust.art>

Blog: <https://www.wearestardust.art/blog/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stardustartinstallation/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StardustElement>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stardustlaunch/>

Flickr: <https://tinyurl.com/2018Stardust>

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### **Purr Pods**

#### **2019 Black Rock City Honoraria Grant Recipient**

Experience the healing power of the purr. Feline forms gaze with Laser Eyes of Love and envelop participants in sonic vibrations. Snuggle down into the cozy bellies of the Purr Pods and be revived. Debuted at Burning Man, 2019.

### **Burning Man Gallery**

<https://gallery.burningman.org/asset/50b88d1f-2f3c-42f7-b389-79fc453c4e08?i=0&q=purr+pods>  
<https://gallery.burningman.org/asset/39c96400-4557-408b-baa8-3e5be2b2018b?i=2&q=purr+pods>  
<https://gallery.burningman.org/asset/8b9b29e2-7838-4b27-9fbd-9b4b3ad1dbfa?i=3&q=purr+pods>

## Exhibitions

### **We Are From Dust – Multiple Locations**

<https://www.wearefromdust.org/art>

#### **Point San Pablo Harbor, 2019-2020, 2021-Present**

Richmond, California

<https://www.wearefromdust.org/point-san-pablo-harbor/>

#### **Ashton Court Mansion, 2020-Present**

Bristol, England

<https://www.wearefromdust.org/exhibitions/ashton-court-bristol-england-uk>

#### **Gallivan Center, 2020-2021**

Downtown Salt Lake City, Utah

<https://www.wearefromdust.org/exhibitions/gallivan-center-salt-lake-city-ut-usa>

#### **Museum of the American House Cat, 2020 – Present**

Sylva, North Carolina

<https://www.wncatmuseum.org/scooby--the-artocats.html>

## Social Media

Website: <https://www.purrpods.art>

Blog: <https://www.purrpods.art/quest>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/purrpods/> and <https://www.facebook.com/LaserEyesofLove/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/PurrPods>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/lasereyesoflove/>

Flickr: <http://tinyurl.com/lasereyesoflove>

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## Projects

### **Purr Pods (continued)**

## Press

### **Trippingly.Net**

<https://www.trippingly.net/burning-man-musings/2019-art-projects>

### **This Life of Travel**

<https://www.thislifeoftravel.com/usa-west-coast/burning-man-photos-art-2019>

### **Mark Day Video**

<https://www.facebook.com/markday1/videos/10162409036165089/>

### **Reno Gazette Journal**

<https://www.rgj.com/picture-gallery/life/arts/burning-man/2019/08/25/burning-man-2019-deep-playa-black-rock-city-nevada/2116572001/>

### **Fast Company**

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90547369/i-was-skeptical-about-attending-burning-man-in-vr-but-its-great>

### **Thrillist**

<https://www.thrillist.com/travel/nation/burning-man-sculptures-in-the-united-states-and-canada>

### **The Blocks / Salt Lake City**

<https://theblockssl.com/2020/11/the-blocks-12-best-holiday-activities/>

### **365 Bristol (Bristol Boo)**

<https://365bristol.com/story/2020/11/26/there-s-an-outdoor-art-exhibition-coming-to-ashton-court-estate-in-december/11762/>

### **Travelworld Magazine**

<https://www.travelworldmagazine.com/2020/03/burning-man/the-purr-pods-art-project-at-burning-man-in-black-rock-city-nevada/>

### **Blogwitz**

<https://blogwitz.com/playa-photography-2019/>

### **Metcha**

<https://metcha.com/article/we-been-stargazing-at-burning-man-2019>

### **The Blocks/SLC**

<https://theblockssl.com/2021/01/a-tail-of-three-kitties-paige-tashners-journey-in-creating-the-purr-pods/>