

Paige Tashner

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Born in Portland, OR

Lives/Works in Point Richmond, CA

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 citizens.

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 in California 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, steel, interactive cat sculptures that envelop those who pet them in sonic vibrations, leaving them feeling revived. At night, they glow with enchanting, color-changing lights.

In addition to Burning Man, people have experienced the *Purr Pods* in Richmond and San Leandro, California, Sylva, North Carolina, Salt Lake City, Utah and Bristol, England.

Her current sculpture project, *Demure Le Purr* cat sculptures, are 1/3 scale of the *Purr Pods*. Her first one, *Spring Kitten*, sold at the Sotheby's / Burning Man co-produced auction, Boundless Space...The Possibilities of Burning Man in the fall of 2021.

CV

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*

Exhibitions & Festivals

Underwater Psychedelic Disco Cat Box

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

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

Demure Le Purr

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

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

2022: *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, Sylva, NC

2022-Present: Hesperian Triangle, San Leandro, CA

Stardust

2018: Burning Man, Black Rock City, NV

2019: Portland Winter Lights 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

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

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

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

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