

Cosmic: Connections
A Burning Man Regional Event
After Burn Report

Cosmic: Connections (a.k.a. Cosmic Burn) was held June 16–20, 2023, in Ithaca, NY.

Summary Description

132 participants joined in co-creating another immersive, small-burn experience. Notable events that occurred during Cosmic Burn included a well-attended Variety Show, a Slip-and-Slide, and multiple music and dance events at the Center Camp facility. Nearly all volunteer slots were filled, and the close-knit community feeling pervaded despite having 20% first-time participants.

A participatory puppet effigy structure was built and participants could make it dance together, and a Temple in the form of a large radio encouraged Cosmic communication. An art bike featuring a mobile shower structure was a hit. Virtually all of the participants came from within 200 miles of the event's location. There were no significant accidents or negative community interactions to report, and the weather was quite favorable. By design, our small-burn event had only one big sound camp/center stage that had signup slots open to all, rather than permitting multiple sound camps to operate simultaneously. By making the center camp a focal point for the event, a closer-knit community feeling was generated.

Number of Attendees: 132

Total Revenues: \$10,763

Total Cost: \$10,411

Net Revenue: \$352

Art Grants Disbursed: \$1,076

Of the art grants, 50% went to participants and 50% supported Effigy & Temple Burn materials. All of the art grants went to participants from our Region, within 200 miles of the event site.

How Net Revenues Will Be Utilized

Net revenues will be saved to pay production costs and/or art grants at future Official Regional events produced by the team below.

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