

Cosmic: Connections
A Burning Man Regional Event
After Burn Report

Cosmic: Conjurings (a.k.a. Cosmic Burn) was held June 20–24, 2024, in Ithaca, NY.

Summary Description

162 participants joined in co-creating another immersive, small-burn experience. Notable events that occurred during Cosmic Burn included 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.

There were no significant incidents to report, and the weather was quite favorable other than strong winds on the last day. 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: 162

Total Revenues: \$13,155

Total Cost: \$8,703

Net Revenue: \$4,452

Art Grants Disbursed: \$1,065

Of the art grants, 40% went to participants and 60% 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.

BOD/Producers

Stacie “Momma Noname” Houghtaling

Debi “Crackerjack” Mansour

Josh “Yash/2.0” Pisano

Alan “Sheck” Shechter

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Cosmic 2024

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

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| Ticket Sales | \$12,340 | |
| Ice | \$681 | |
| Art Donations | \$134 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | \$13,155 |

Event Costs

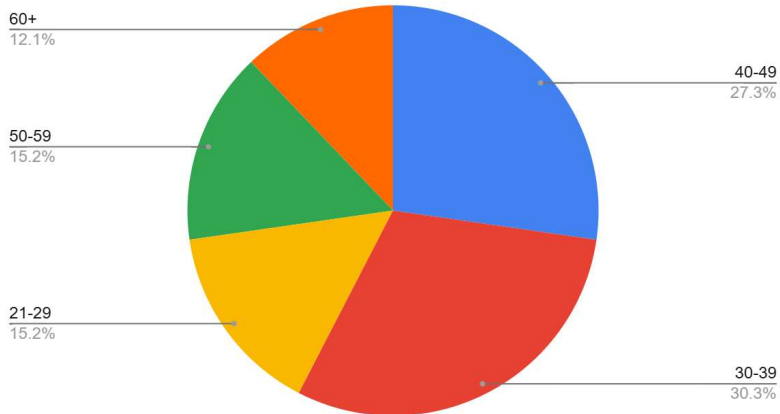
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| Site Rent | \$4,300 | |
| Sanitation | \$1,679 | |
| Ice | \$654 | |
| Art Grants | \$1,065 | |
| Tent Rental | \$910 | |
| Event Supplies | \$95 | |
| | | \$8,703 |

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$8,703

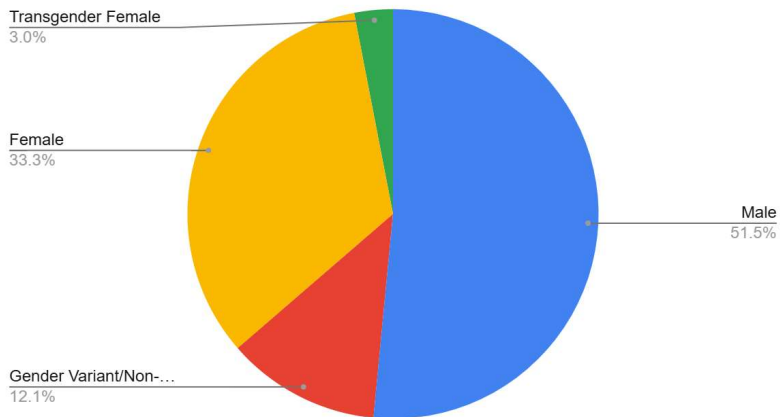
Event Surplus from 2024 **\$4,452**

Selected Survey Results

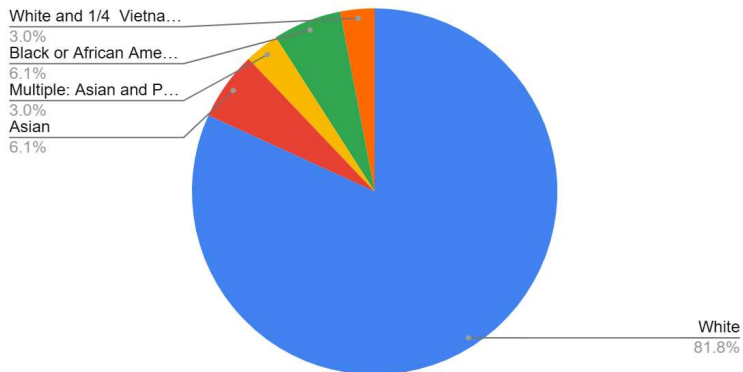
What is your age?



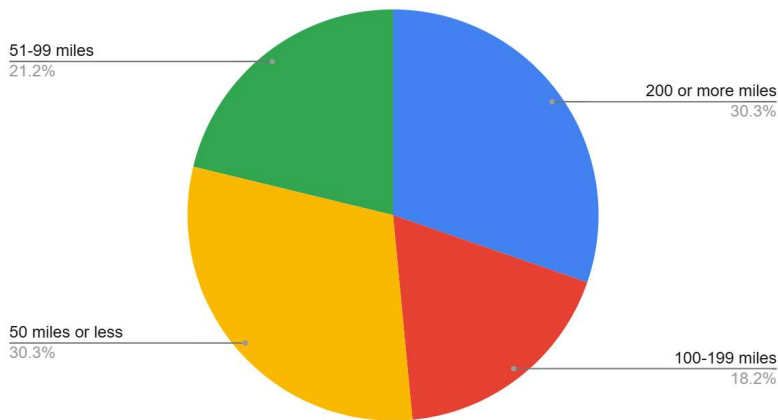
To which gender identity do you most identify?



Are you White, Black, African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific islander or some other race?

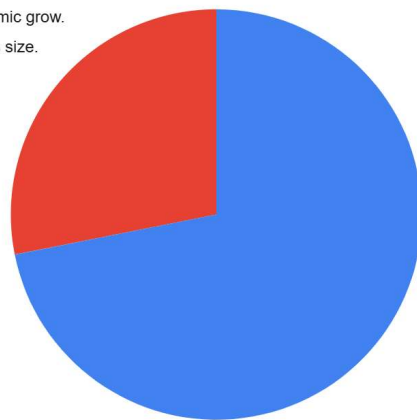


How far did you travel to get to Cosmic?



How do you feel about the size of Cosmic (130-160)?

- I'm excited to see Cosmic grow.
- It's perfect. Keep it this size.



Tell us how you feel about our super lax attitude towards cars & parking. Was it convenient having cars parked wherever or does it kill the vibe for you and you wish everyone parked in the upper lot?

- Zero issues at present. It could become tricky with growth, but the land seems pretty conducive to the chiller approach.
- It was super convenient. Didn't kill the vibe at all for me.
- I love it. Strict organization not necessary at all.
- NO! I LOVED the lax attitude. People respected it anyway if they didn't camp with their car I saw that they did park it up in the lot which was great.
- I think at this event size it is fine. A larger event would need more structure

How do you feel about our efforts to stay on theme with events and the effigy performance? Like it? Hate it? Don't care?

- Love it. I love that cosmic always has such a uniquely theatrical performance. It's a big part of what I think about when I think about Cosmic.
- I loved the entire performance!! The Entourage and the production I fucking love you all

- It was nice, the illusionist show (The Thread) was entertaining and on point
- Love the theme idea. Very witchy this time!
- I liked it, although I didn't really participate in the theme I liked that there are people who did, and the effigy was really cool as well, Mun did a great job and I'm looking forward to seeing his future work!!!!
- Still decompressing, but maybe the best effigy/conclave performance I've seen at a regional burn. The energy was palpable on burn night. Cosmic tv shattered the Nielson ratings 🍷

Suggestions, Compliments, or Complaints

- Less hippies, more normies.
- Keep having it
- Nothing, this is probably my favorite regional
- Creating a code of conduct for participants and delineating how violations of the code of conduct should be dealt with, including how grievances are investigated and addressed. I admire and appreciate the restorative justice-based approach the board currently has regarding grievances and think a code of conduct could help both participants and the board navigate violations (and healing from them) when they occur.
- Being my first cosmic it's hard to criticize. Every event seemed to flow so naturally and you almost had to try to miss anything. Everything was fun, the cosmic tent was always happening and the interpersonal connections I made with new and existing friends leave little if not much room for improvement. That said, I'm excited to see how it can get better. If I had to choose, I would've liked to see more interactive or physically fun things to do. There were plenty for most, this is more of a me issue lol, I love to swing from things. I'll bring some rope next time
- I really liked that the effigy burn was on Saturday night, because it meant you could go crazy that night and then rest and recover the next day before you were required to pack everything up on Monday, giving people the opportunity to leave on Sunday if they had to
- That one guy who spent all day, every day zooming around in his ATV? It was kinda annoying. Some folks camped far away to avoid unwanted noise, then he's roaring by all day with a noisy engine. I heard a few people complain. It's not a huge deal to me, but I also wouldn't mind seeing a rule against motorized vehicles (except as needed for emergencies or disabilities, of course!).
- Cosmic is always very center-stage centric. This year felt even more so than usual. It was cool, and I liked it, but it would be nice to see camps encouraged to provide more individual gifts for more of a theme camp vibe.
- As soon as I came home I realized how sick I was from the dangler fever !!
- Absolutely fantastic event! I couldn't ask for more from my new home burn. If it grows, I'd be thrilled, and if it stays just the way it is, I'd love that too! I'll definitely keep an eye out for opportunities to be more involved next year!
- The diversity is spectacular, the DJs are amazing, the EFFGY was next-level.