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My name is Jessica Levine and I am a sculptor and metal fabricator based in South Lake Tahoe, CA. I am interested in this project because I would love to build a male lion sculpture, and I have experience creating projects out of durable materials for public art installations. I am a licensed welding contractor, and I have built many representational animal commissions for clients.

My artistic process involves hand drawing a concept and sculpting in a traditional manner, building the project piece by piece from the ground up. I cut, bend and weld many pieces of metal together, using the material to “draw” in physical space. I typically use steel round bar in my creations, and for this project I would elect to use cor ten steel bar, which is designed to develop a protective rust patina, creating a natural color scheme for the lion.

Over the last ten years I have built numerous projects for events, private clients, and public installations. I have transported and installed sculptures across the country and as far as Toronto, Canada. My extensive experience organizing sculpture installation logistics as well as build logistics will allow me to produce a successful sculpture for this project within budget and on time.

I am detail oriented, flexible, and I care deeply about my work and the people I am working for. Completing successful installations is the core focus of my life and I love building sculptures with all of my heart. Creating public art is important for me so I can share my passion with the world. I believe in the power of public art and its ability to impact communities in a positive way. Public art is important for equitable access to the arts, as it is something that everybody can enjoy without needing to spend money to experience it.

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Resume:

Owner and operator of Bear Metal Welding:

2021-current Licensed welding contractor. Lic #1077544

Education:

2015 BA from University of California Santa Cruz, degree in fine art and sociology.
Focus in sculpture and metal fabrication.

Commissions:

2024 Liz Ullman, S. Lake Tahoe, CA
2024 Bill Hyman, Kittery, ME
2023 Barbara Kightlinger, Rubicon Bay, CA
2023 Cindy and David Coverdale, Malibu, CA
2023 Nila Ruslen, Zephyr Cove, NV
2022 Deisell Martinez, South Lake Tahoe, CA
2021 James Cooley, South Lake Tahoe, CA
2021 Lisa Purze, Tahoma, CA
2020 Carol Anderson, Gilroy, CA
2020 Nila Ruslen and Pavel Pragin, Zephyr Cove, NV
2016 Tom Ralston Concrete, Santa Cruz, CA
2015 Dwain Zack, Escalon, CA

Awards/Grants:

2025 City of South Lake Tahoe art grant for permanent public art in the park
2022 Burning Man Honorarium grant (Project Title: Strong Magic)
2019 Burning Man Honorarium grant (Project Title: Internal Exposure)
2018 Burning Man Honorarium grant (Project Title: FloBot)
2017 Burning Man Honorarium grant (Project Title: Reaching Through)
2015 Snow Globe Music Festival art grant

Sculpture Exhibitions and Installations:

2025 Urban Dreams, Sacramento, CA 6 week public art installation of 3 sculptures
2025 Midtown Love, Sacramento, CA
2025 Laguna Beach, CA City Hall three month public art installation
2025 Western Lights Festival, Reno, NV
2022 EDC Orlando, Florida
2021 Sotheby's Boundless Space Exhibition, the art of Burning Man
2020 Silicon Valley Sculpture Festival, Menlo Park, CA
2020 Sacramento Valley Spark, Sacramento, CA
2019 Playa Art Park, Reno NV, public sculpture installed for six months
2019 Snow Globe Music Festival, South Lake Tahoe, CA
2019 Burning Man, Black Rock City, NV
2018 Burning Man, Black Rock City, NV
2018 Lightning in a Bottle music and art festival, Bradley, CA
2018 Toronto Light Festival, Toronto, Canada
2018 High Vibe Society member exhibition, South Lake Tahoe, CA
2017 Burning Man, Black Rock City, NV

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2017 Lucidity Music Festival, Santa Barbara, CA
2017 Women's March, South Lake Tahoe, CA
2016 Snow Globe Music Festival, South Lake Tahoe, CA
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2015 UC Santa Cruz Arboretum, Santa Cruz, CA

Images:



Title: *Internal Exposure* (2019)

Materials: Hand formed steel (painted), stained glass, LED lighting, extreme capacity turntables

Dimensions: 9'L x 7.5'W x 11'H (head only) whole sculpture with surrounding petals is 25'L x 20'W x 14'H

Location: Black Rock Desert, NV; also displayed at Snow Globe Music Festival in S. Lake Tahoe, CA (2019), Downtown Reno, NV (2019-2020), MidTown Sacramento (current)

Commissioning body: Burning Man Organization

Budget: \$16,980.00 (materials budget)

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Title: *Becoming the Bear* (2020)

Materials: Hand formed steel (powder coated)

Dimensions: 74"H x 42"W x 16" deep

Location: 676 Inspiration Dr Zephyr Cove, NV

Commissioning body: Pavel Pragin and Nila Ruslen

Budget: \$6,000.00

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Title: *FloBot* (2018)

Materials: Hand formed steel (galvanized), recycled suspension springs, LED lighting

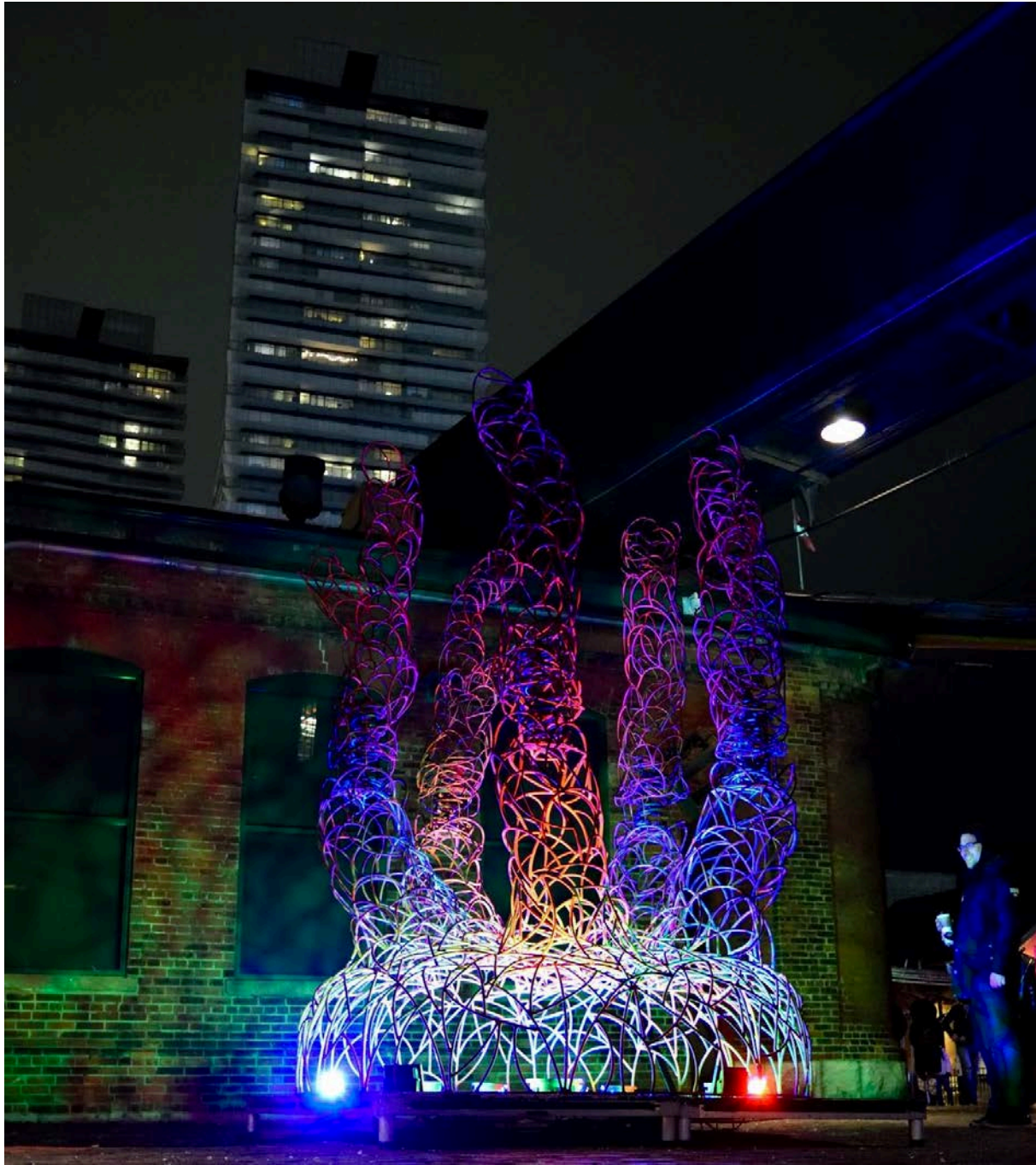
Dimensions: 9'L x 9'W x 14'H

Location: Black Rock Desert, NV, also installed at EDC Orlando Music Festival at Tinker Field Orlando, FL (2022), Laguna Beach City Hall (2025)

Commissioning body: Burning Man organization

Budget: \$10,847.00 (materials budget)

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Title: *Reaching Through* (2017)

Materials: Hand formed steel (galvanized), recycled suspension springs, LED lighting

Dimensions: 8'L x 8'W x 11'H

Location: Black Rock Desert, NV; also installed in Toronto Canada (2018), Bradley, CA (2018), Sacramento, CA (2020), Menlo Park, CA (2020), Midtown Sacramento (current)

Commissioning body: Burning Man Organization

Budget: \$6,400.00 (materials budget)

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Title: *Strong Magic* (2022)

Materials: Hand formed steel (painted), LED lighting, fire mechanism

Dimensions: 30'L x 7.5'W x 13'H

Location: Black Rock Desert, NV

Commissioning body: Burning Man organization

Budget: \$14,100.00 (materials budget)

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Title: *Sun Bear (2022)*

Materials: Hand formed steel (powder coated)

Dimensions: 11'L x 16"W x 5'H

Location: 276 Beach Dr South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Commissioning body: Deisell Martinez

Budget: \$19,300.00

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Title: *Life Labyrinth* (2025)

Materials: Hand formed steel (powder coated)

Dimensions: 78"HL x 33"W x 22'D

Location: Currently installed at 1801L Apartments in Midtown Sacramento, previously installed at Western Lights Festival in Reno, NV

Commissioning body: none

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References:

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