

BLACK ROCK ARTS

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Inspiring art, community and civic participation

presents... *The Bike Bridge*

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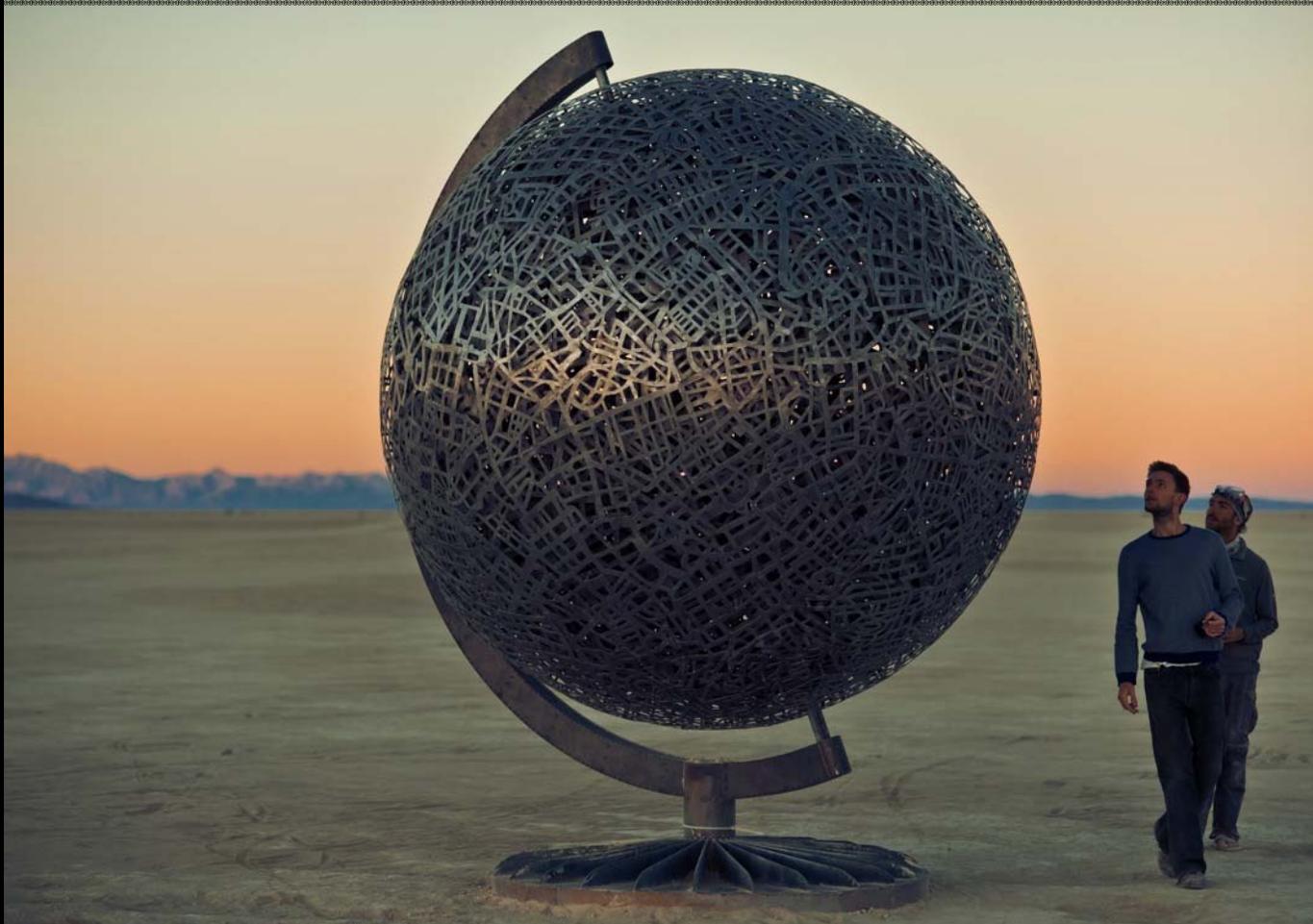
The Bike Bridge is a collaboration with the youth of Oakland, artist Michael Christian, and with partner organization The Crucible. The project has received support from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Bill Graham Foundation and private donors.



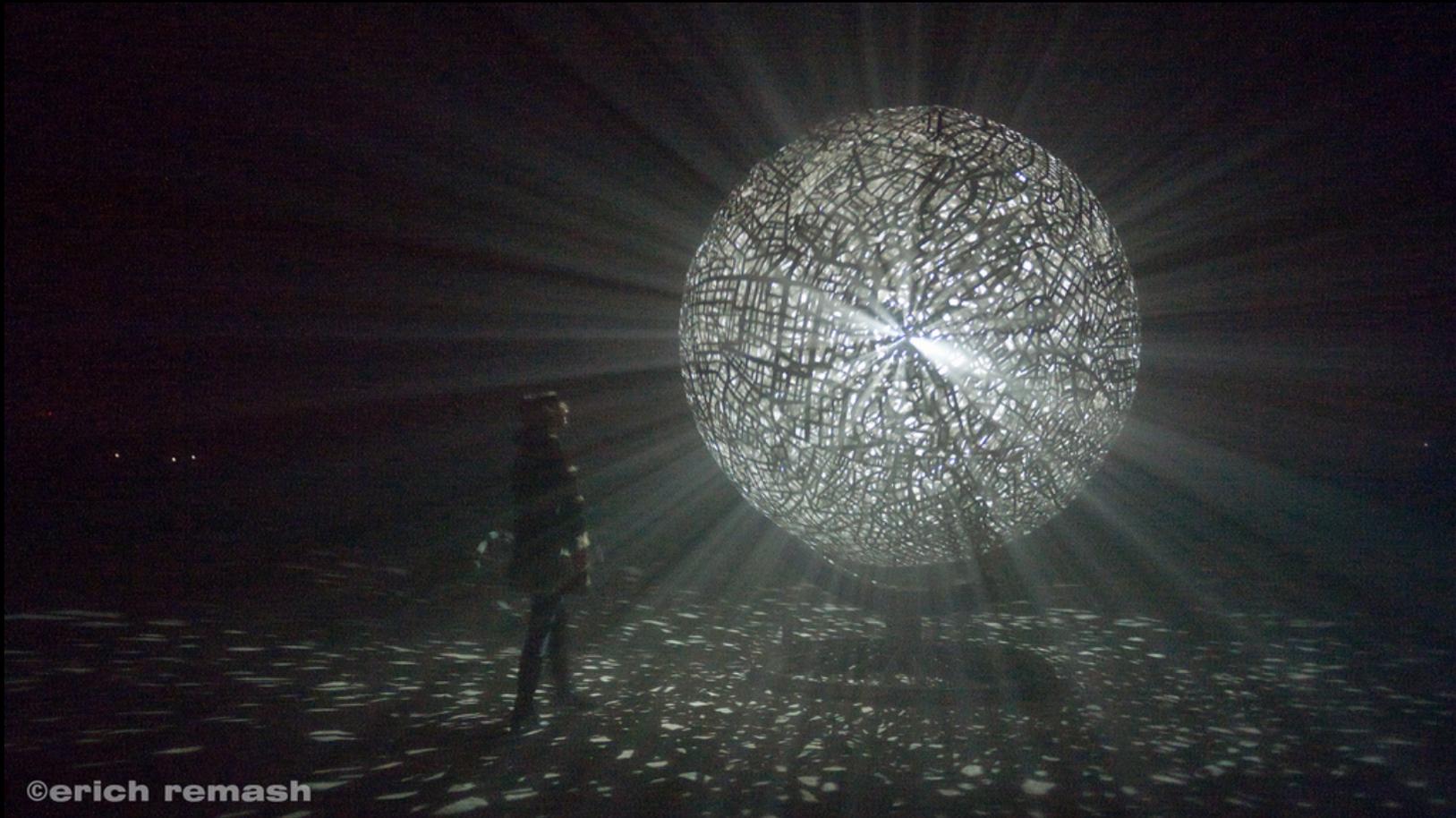
Artist, Michael Christian



Home, by Michael Christian, at Burning Man, 2010



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Koilos
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Keynote
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Phase 1

The project began with the selection of twelve young women, representing seven different high schools in East and West Oakland.



The students completed courses in MIG welding and Art-Bicycle Making, generously hosted by The Crucible.



Their studies and hard work yielded impressively inventive and refined art-bike creations. In these classes these young women learned the skills needed to help construct a large-scale sculpture.

Project Support

- In 2011, BRAF received a National Endowment of the Arts Challenge America grant for the project.
- The Bill Graham Foundation awarded two grants to the project, in 2010 and 2011
- A BRAF advisory board member held a fundraising event for the project in 2010.
- Over 120 bicycles were donated by Stanford University, Recology, Burning Man, American Steel, Iveson Ranch, and many individuals.
- Degenkolb Engineers have generously donated their services to the project



Sculpture Specifications

- The sculpture stands 20' high by 20' wide by 4' deep. The final weight has yet to be measured.
- It can be installed easily on any surface
- Exhibit of the piece will be covered by BRAF's insurance
- Christian is finalizing construction of the piece
- Lighting design is underway