

ArtCar Fest®

ArtCar Fest® Reno, Nevada July 20 & 21, 2012

Full 2012 Schedule: www.artcarfest.com/schedule.html

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Radio Flyer by Bob Castaneda Photo by Harrod Blank

On Friday, July 20th ArtCars from all over the West Coast will cross the Donner Pass over the high Sierras and descend on Reno, Nevada.

Two world-class museums have invited the ArtCars to exhibit to celebrate ArtCar Fest's 16th anniversary. We're hoping it's the start of something big here in Nevada.

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Website: www.automorphosis.com

See trailer at: www.artcarfest.com/automorphosis.html

ArtCar movies on the web www.artcarfest.com/movies.html

Harrod and Philo Co-Founded ArtCar Fest in 1997, and Emily Duffy directs the festival. All are available for interviews. A large library of ArtCar photos and film footage is available as well.

"ArtCars are the quintessential public art of our time."

- John Beardsley, Harvard Univ. School of Design

ArtCar artists follow their individual notions about how to create or customize their vehicle. They come from many backgrounds and almost half of our artists are women. Some are self-taught folk artists, while others have formal art training, or custom car backgrounds. What brings them together is their creative impulse for self-expression.



The Vain Van by Emily Duffy Photo by Philo Northrup



Drake Dragon Wagon by Bruce Bjerke Photo by Gary Watts

Friday Night, July 20th 7pm-10pm

Closing Party at Reno's National Auto Museum
for the *Mutant Rides* Exhibition celebrating the mobile sculptures (*Mutant Vehicles & ArtCars*) of Burning Man.

Saturday Afternoon & Evening, July 21st 1pm-10pm

ArtCar Exhibit & screening of *Automorphosis*

At Reno's Nevada Museum of Art

2pm - Harrod Blank will be introducing his award-winning documentary about ArtCars, "*Automorphosis*."

7-10pm – DJ Spooky performs "Ice Music."

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Friday Night July 20th
@ the Auto Museum

7-10pm

Mutant Rides
Closing Party

Party with the vehicles of *Burning Man*. Reno's **National Automobile Museum** is one of the top-rated in the world and this is your last weekend to see their *Mutant Rides* exhibition, which was curated by Harrod Blank.

The first mobile sculptures on the playa were ArtCars. See ArtCars from around the West outside. Inside meet the artists and ArtCars who led the pack:

- 5:04pm by Burning Man Co-Founder Michael Mikel
- *Oh My God!* by ArtCar Fest Co-Founder Harrod Blank
- **National Automobile Museum** 10 S. Lake Street, Reno, NV (775) 333-9300 www.automuseum.org/
- **Review of the *Mutant Rides* exhibition:**
www.newsreview.com/reno/burnrubber/content?oid=4196213



Oh My God! By Harrod Blank

Photo by Harrod Blank



5:04pm by Michael Mikel

Photo by Harrod Blank

"ArtCars spread the spirit of radical creativity from the playa to the parking lot, 365 days a year."
- Philo Northrup, ArtCar artist, and ArtCar Fest Co-Founder



Saturday Afternoon & Evening
@ the Nevada Museum of Art

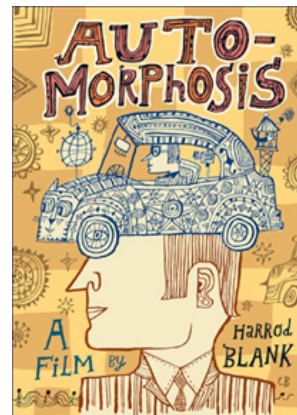
- 1-10pm ArtCar exhibition
- 2pm *Automorphosis* showtime
- 7-10pm DJ Spooky performance

see trailer at www.artcarfest.com/automorphosis.html

At 2pm Harrod Blank presents his award-winning documentary about ArtCars, *Automorphosis*, while a select group of ArtCars from around the West congregate outside the museum. Harrod's film was selected by the US State Dept to tour China & Nicaragua, and is featured on the *Documentary Channel*.

At 7pm world-renowned musician *DJ Spooky* performs. Join the interdisciplinary investigation at the *museum of ideas*.

- **Nevada Museum of Art**, 160 West Liberty Street, Reno, NV (775) 329.3333 www.nevadaart.org/
- **Tickets for *Automorphosis*** (\$10 non-members, \$8 members):
www.nevadaart.org/shop/productview?pid=1032



"humorous, and entertaining, but it is also moving and, at times, inspiring."

Review by Kyle Parrish, Boston Independent Film Festival



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Get a sneak preview by watching the **National Geographic Channel's** show celebrating ArtCar Fest (viewable at www.artcarfest.com/movies.html)



Truck in Flux by Philo Northrup Photo by Jillian Northrup

ArtCars are street-legal vehicles that artists have permanently modified into a work of art. They bring creativity and individual expression into people's lives 365 days per year.

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"An ArtCar is often a fantasy made into a reality. It is in itself a symbol of being free. . . it expresses the ideas, values, and dreams of an individual."

*- Harrod Blank, ArtCar artist, filmmaker
and ArtCar Fest Co-Founder*

"ArtCars are street-legal vehicles that have been permanently transformed into mobile sculptures. These aren't parade-floats, they're registered, insured automobiles that artists work on for years and exhibit to anyone who will look up."

- Philo Northrup, ArtCar artist, and ArtCar Fest Co-Founder

"ArtCars are born of the American impulse to think free"

- Ed "Big Daddy" Roth, Hot Rod King

FEATURED ARTCARS



*Glass Quilt by Ron Dolce
18 years in the making*

Photo by Harrod Blank



Squirrly Whirly by Tre Taylor Photo by Tre Taylor



*Daisy Singer by Philo Northrup leading the ArtCar Fest caravan
Photo by Ken Duffy*



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MORE FEATURED ARTCARS



Mercedes-Benz by Costas Schuler

Photo by Harrod Blank



Pacific Dreams by Shalom Compost & Marilyn Dreampeace
Photo by Ken Duffy



Flutter Bug by Konnie May

Photo by Gary Watts



Jungle Bug Truck by Amanda Jensen

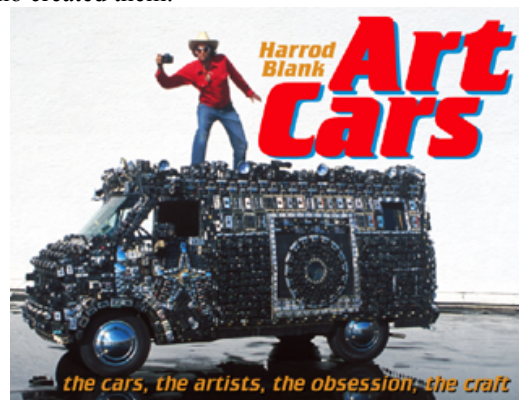
Photo by Philo Northrup



Little Suzy by Dez Flowers

Photo by Philo Northrup

ArtCar Fest Co-Founder, Harrod Blank's third book on ArtCars features over 300 photos of ArtCars and the artists who created them.



book cover of ART CARS by Harrod Blank

Photo by Harrod Blank



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*School kids surround the Banana Bike by Terry Axelson
Photo by Philo Northrup*

FESTIVAL BACKGROUND

ArtCar Fest is an all-volunteer, artist-run event. Founded by Philo Northrup & Harrod Blank 16 years ago, and is directed by Emily Duffy - all of whom are ArtCar artists. Harrod & Philo started their first ArtCars in the early 1980s, but did not meet until 1992. Philo and Harrod collaborated on several ArtCar caravans across the country, and in 1997 decided that California needed its own festival to exhibit ArtCars. Emily joined in 1997 with her now famous *Mondrian Mobile*. Harrod has published three books and directed three documentary films on the subject. His publications are considered standard references on the medium, and he has founded a museum dedicated to ArtCars in Arizona called **Art Car World**.

LINKS

- ArtCar Fest website www.artcarfest.com
-  ArtCar Fest Facebook page link www.facebook.com/events/231343026977895/
- **Art Car World** website www.artcarworld.org
- ArtCar movies on the web www.artcarfest.com/movies.html
- Harrod Blank's ArtCar Books & Films www.harrodbblank.com/film

SUPPORT ARTCAR FEST



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Please join us to support the artists!

As an all-volunteer, artist-run event, ArtCar Fest needs to raise money to pay for fuel, food and beds for ArtCar artists who drive their mobile sculptures from all over the country to join the festival. Every year we raise what money we can and spend it all on the artists.

The only administrative costs are for taxes, xerox/printing, and commission on this site.

All donations help keep ArtCars on the road where they bring joy and amazement millions every year.



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