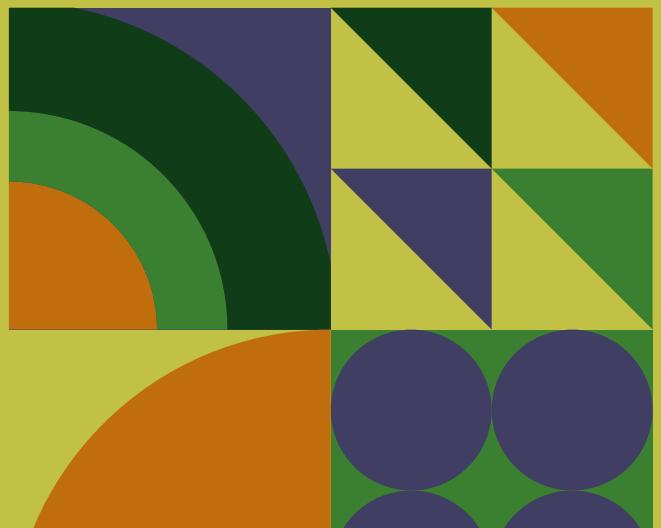


DR. ALGEBRAX'S Mind - Meld Machine

Prepared For :
Ignition Philter
Grant Committee

Cosmic Critter Carnival
Flipside 2024



Wednesday, the 12hg.92/1297300th

To Whom it May Concern:

G'thon Algebrax wishes to inform the Flipside community of it's imminent assimilation by

.....The Overmind.....

On behalf of the Intergalactic Home Owner's Association (IHOA), Dr. Algebrax strongly protests the hosting of a Cosmic Critter Carnival in this sector, as it will undoubtedly attract all sorts of

unsavory organisms.

As mentioned in the the **numerous** cease and desist letters, failure to cancel your carnival will result in immediate mind-melding procedures until all dissenting life in your sector agrees that carnivals have no place in our community.

This mind-meld, naturally, requires G'thon's physical presence at Flipside, and G'thon must bashfully confess that it lacks the financial means necessary to complete its intergalactic journey on its own. It is therefore seeking monetary assistance from Ignition Philter.

Sincerely,

DR. ALGEBRAX

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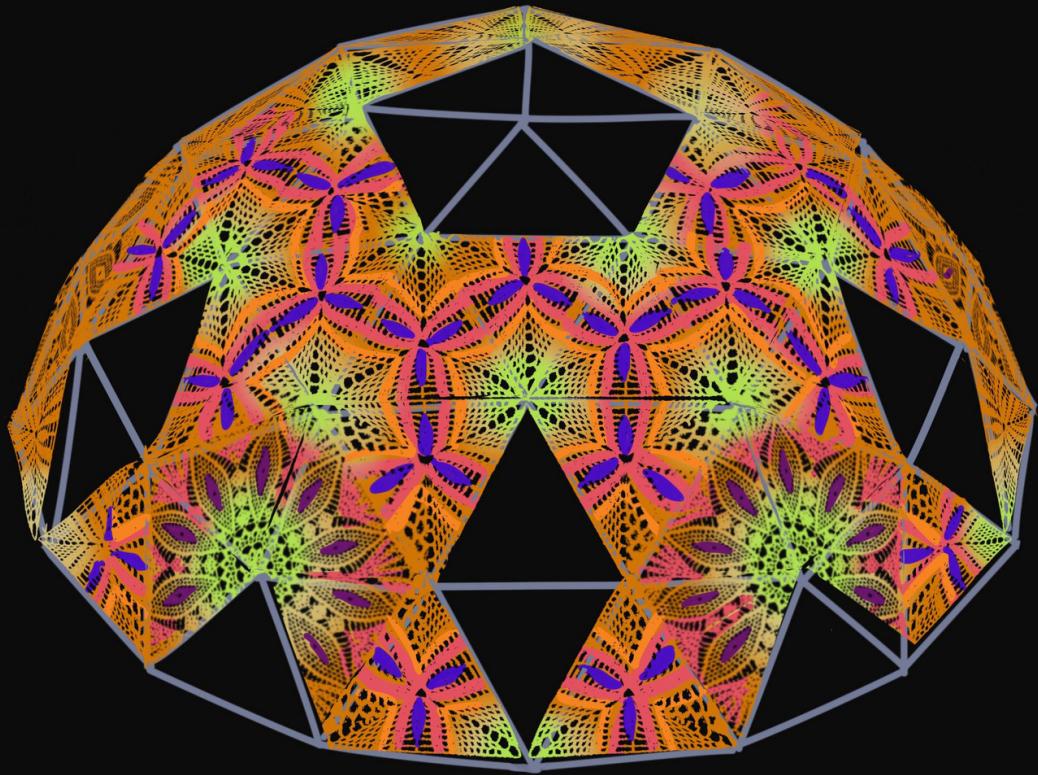
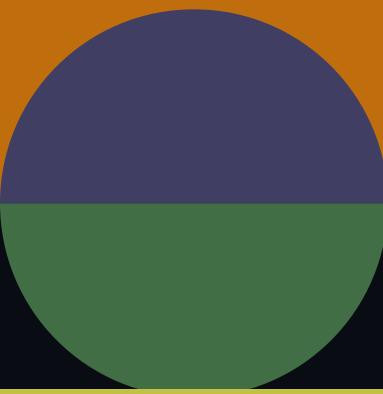
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Dr. Algebrax's
Mind-Meld Machine

PROJECT SUMMARY



Dr. AlgebraX's Mind-Meld Machine is a 20' geodesic dome adorned with a luminescent macramé cover. The dome acts as its own stand-alone piece, but additionally serves as a curated gallery space for three other collaborative installations.

By literally weaving together traditional fiber-art and "current" technology, this piece presents a juxtaposition of past and present craft culture, and breaks down notions of what modern sculpture at festivals is "supposed" to be.

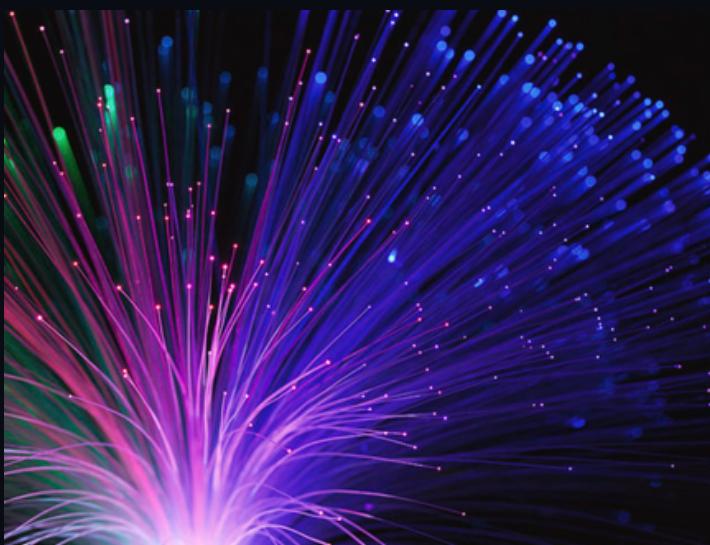
Additionally, our piece acts as a metaphor for connectedness, a literal net that intertwines multiple installations, while providing an open space for critters from all sectors of the solar system to come together and meld minds.

During the day this piece will provide participants with a comfortable and shaded communal space to interact with and interpret multiple sculptural installations, while at night creating a cascading phenomenon of illuminated fiber-optic latticework; thus creating Dr. AlgebraX's Mind-Melding Machine.

MATERIALS

Consisting only of paracord, fiber optic threads, and led strips, the materials chosen for this piece are deliberately simple to draw attention to the patterns and to ensure the piece can last for many years in harsh outdoor conditions.

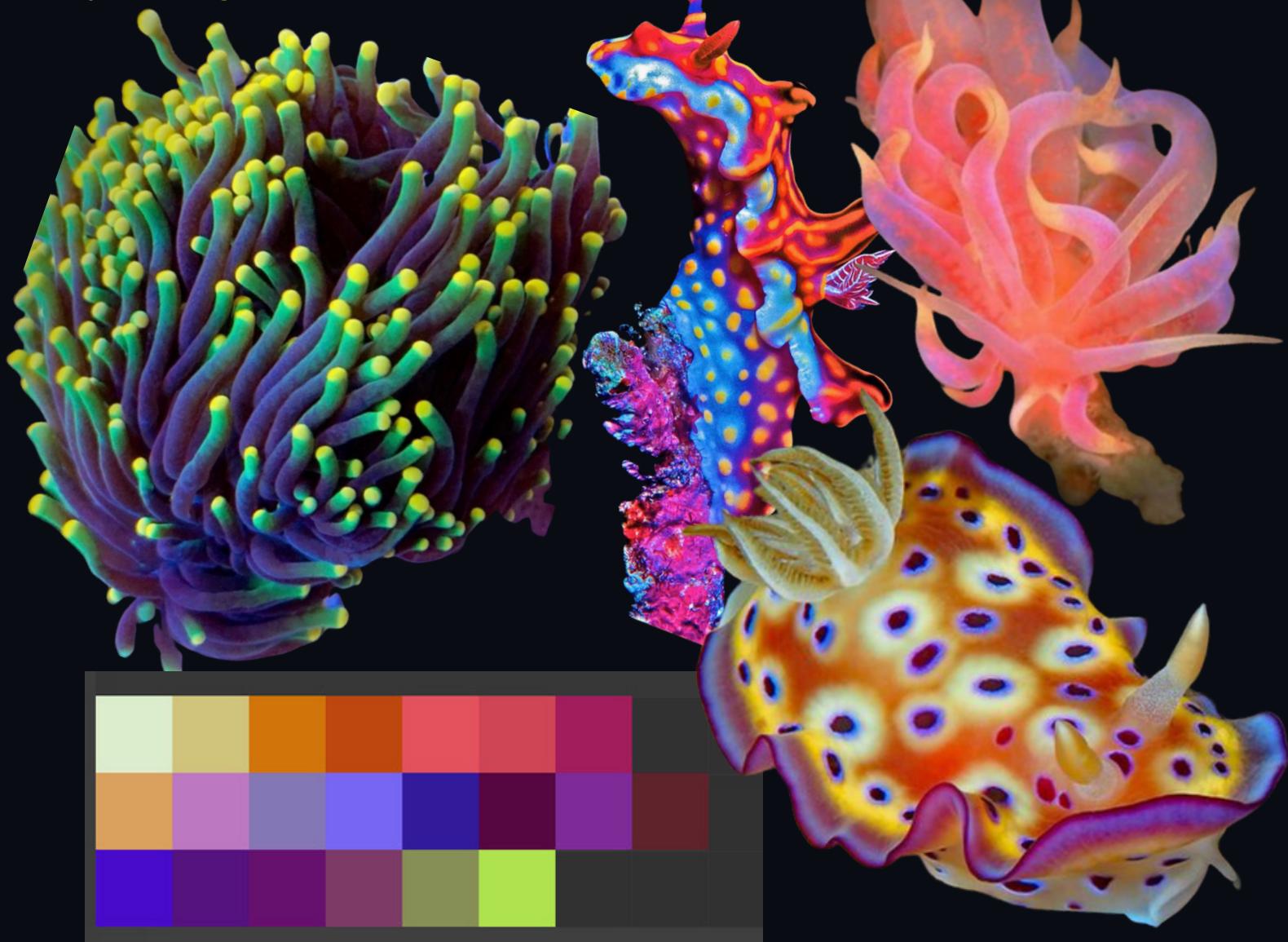
After multiple material studies, we found that paracord shows the details within the macrame and is the easiest material to work with, leaving interesting line-work that we can then weave our fiber optic threads around and through.



INSPIRATION

From Nature

Drawing inspiration from deep sea creatures such as sea slugs and anemones, we decided on a split-complimentary color palette of purples, roseys-pinks, and pops of neon yellowish-green



INSPIRATION

From traditional fiber crafts

Originally inspired by crocheted mandalas, this project borrows techniques of various fiber crafts from different cultures around the world. Some of these include crochet, macrame, and weaving.

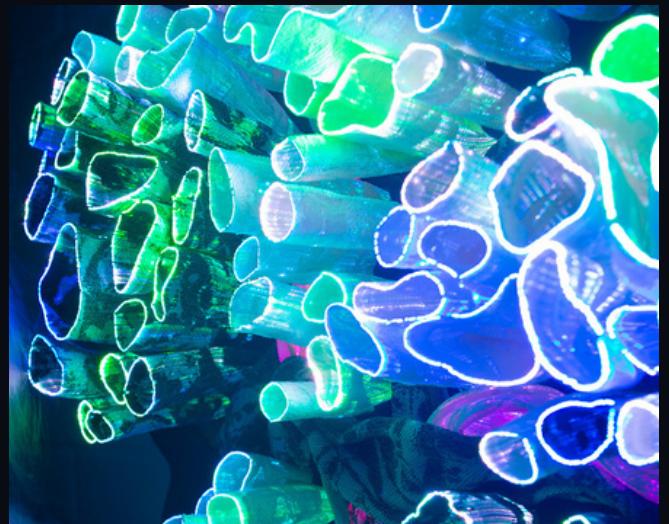
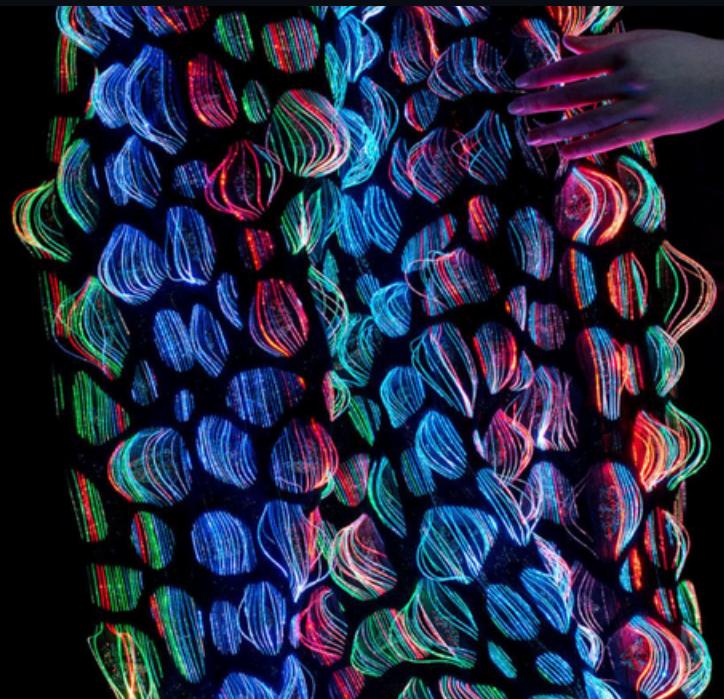


INSPIRATION

Textile artist, Malin Bobeck

Bobeck's work strongly resonates with how we imagine the macramed cover and fiber optics will interact with one another.

Her work with traditional textiles has been an inspiration, and by studying the photos and videos of her projects, we have been able to better visualize how these materials might work together in our own piece.



The budget for our project is based on extensive research and material tests. Although the budget is slightly over our requested grant amount of \$1000, our group is committed to this project and will pay for any overages that may occur.

Descriptions of materials are hyperlinked to product websites wherever possible.

PARACORD				
DESCRIPTION	QTY	\$/EA	COST	
Paracord (per meter)	3,300	\$0.07	\$231.00	
Shipping	1	\$150.00	\$150.00	
		TOTAL	\$381.00	
LIGHTS/ELECTRONICS				
DESCRIPTION	ORDER QTY	\$/EA	COST	
Sparkle Fiber Optic Threads (per roll)	4	\$45.00	\$180.00	
Shipping for fiber optic	1	\$128.00	\$128.00	
Smart LED strands	5	\$46.00	\$230.00	
Water-proof boxes for electronics	1	\$35.00	\$35.00	
		TOTAL	\$573.00	
PAINTS AND EXTRAS				
DESCRIPTION	QTY	\$/EA	COST	
Acid Dyes	20	\$4.00	\$80.00	
		TOTAL	\$80.00	
TOTALS				
TOTAL PROJECTED COSTS				\$1,034.00

Below is a basic timeline of how we plan to complete this project.

Although there is not much time to complete such an intricate piece, but we have intentionally chosen a medium that many people in our camp feel comfortable working in and have signed on to build. Because of the number of people invested in this piece we all feel confident that we can get our sections finished and together before Flipside 2024.



PHASE	Month --> Date of Every Sunday -->	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	APRIL	MAY	JUNE																
		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
1 IDEATION	- Ideas and initial sketches																					
	- More solid drawings																					
	- Research and material Studies																					
	- Budget research and planning																					
	- Grant writing and proposal																					
2 CREATION	- Order materials																					
	- Materials arrive from china																					
	- Make some shit!																					
	- Project testing and evaluations																					
3 BUILD	- Pack/load trailer																					
	- On-site build/strike																					
4 COMPLETION	- Project unload																					
	- Post mortem																					
	- Report																					

COLLABORATION STATION

Dr. Algebrax's Mind-Meld Machine is intended to be viewed as a **collaborative exhibition**, showcasing three other installations inside and around the dome.

Each piece has been conceptualized by separate artists and has the ability to stand alone, but each one was designed with the intention of being displayed together and therefore strengthening the dramatic impact of each piece



Cited Collaborators...



Eternal Vortex: The Illusion of Infinity



Somatic Stepping Stones



The Passionate Pentapus