

# We Tribe

A Photo Journey of Modern Tribalism

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I'm fascinated by techno tribal-ish gatherings. A gathering on the San Francisco bay one night a couple of years ago became the tipping point in my fascination. My fascination peaked as I watched this group of people dancing in the dark dead of night in the soft red light of a bus parked nearby. This group of counterculture 20 and 30 year olds were dancing to surprisingly moving and powerful distorted electronica in a deteriorating forsaken industrial spot on the beautiful yet polluted waters of the bay. It was a bizarre mix of nature, destruction and celebration. The celebration in this abandoned spot seemed like some ancient celebration that was reveling in a secrete beauty of life that is usually hidden to the average regard.

The photos that follow in this article were taken by me over the past 3 years to capture the magic and mystery I feel at the gatherings of this subculture. This subculture has yet to be named. Some might call them "burners" a reference to people who attend Burningman. The photo above was taken at Burningman

but none of the photos that follow are from Burningman. The photos come from events such as Shambhala in British Columbia, Synergenesis a visionary arts conference in San Francisco, Spin Cycle a weekly event in Portland Oregon, street fairs, underground parties or just hanging out at people's homes.

Growing up in a conservative, culturally poor, and spiritually backward town, I would have rejoiced in knowing that something infinitely bigger existed beyond my confined world. For that reason, I am passionate about documenting and sharing this movement. The magic, mystery, love and power that I feel at these gatherings has touched my life and has served to influence me on multiple levels: spiritual, social, physical as well as my perception of reality.

I am working on a photobook documenting these gatherings. For more information and photography see:

<http://wetribe.com>

# Myth and Mystery

Halloween 2006  
San Francisco, Ca

The funnest, scariest, most mysterious and beautiful halloween I've had. Friends and I all got "on the bus", headed to a undisclosed abandoned isolated spot on the bay and danced., then headed for Justin Herman plaza and danced right in the heart of the city under the bright lights, finally we headed off to an abandoned crypt to read poetry and share.



"On the bus"



Dancing by the bay



# Howard St Fair

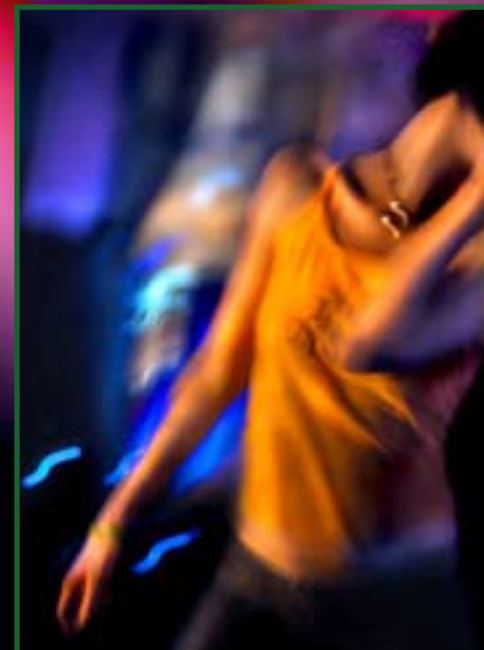
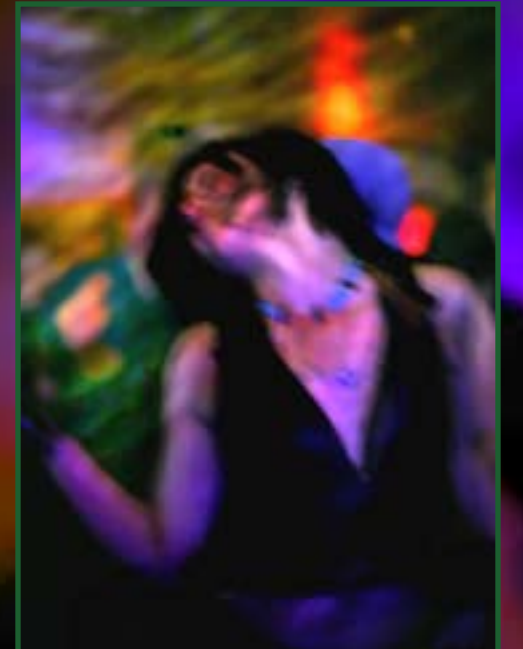
San Francisco, Ca

The Howard Street Fair is a yearly street festival featuring electronic music and dancing.



# Spin Cycle

Portland, Or



# Shambhala

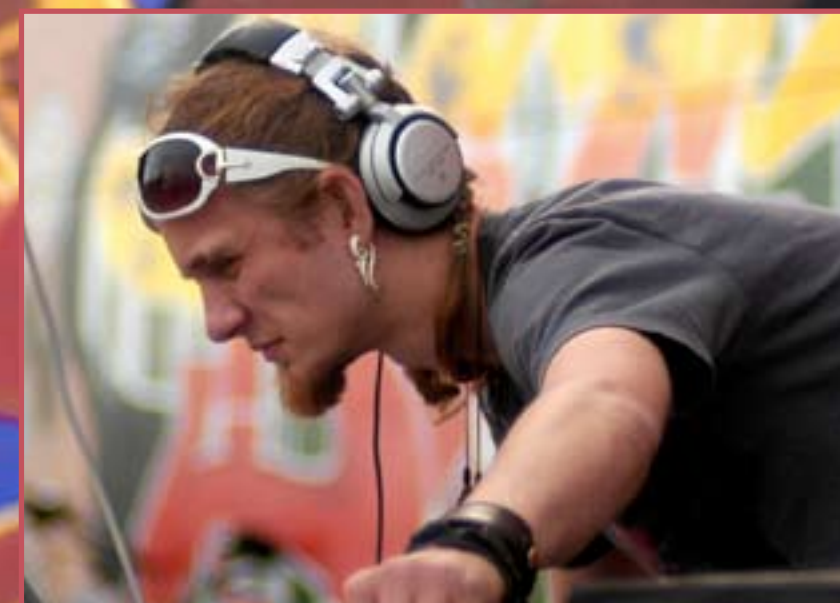
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# Toxic Beach

San Francisco, Ca



# Synergensis

San Francisco, Ca

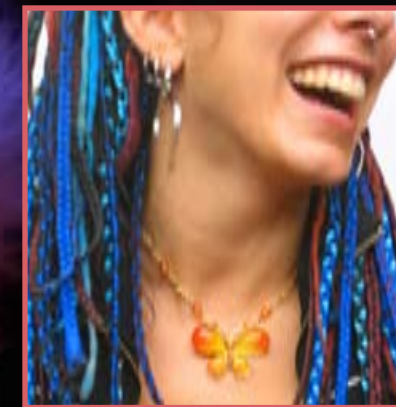
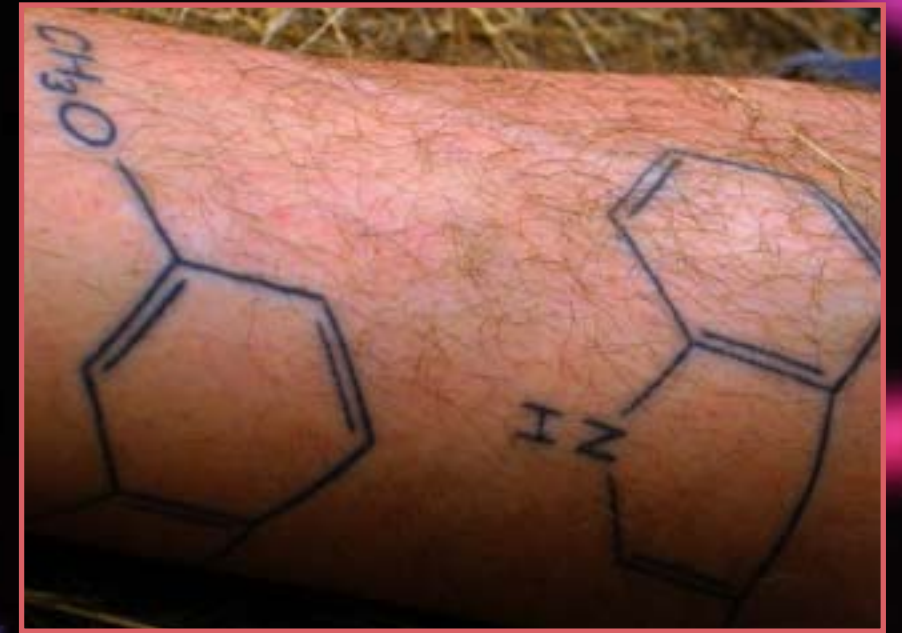
Synergensis is a yearly visionary arts conference in San Francisco where the artistic and spiritual techno tribal energies come out in force.





# Symbiosis

Northern, Ca





Above, the author and his wife having fun with photos at their home in Portland, Or.

We are interested in hearing you experiences, opinions and thoughts on current underground dance culture.

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