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Hollywood movie effects artist to sculpt three CowParade SLO County cows

His works – Marilyn Moonroe, Milk & Honey, and Classic California – debut September 17

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CA – A scenic coastal community nestled between San Francisco and Los Angeles will be overrun with crazy cows this fall when it hosts the [world’s largest and most successful public art event](#), including three pieces created by Hollywood movie effects artist, Douglas Turner.

Turner’s work can be seen in more than 30 films, including “Beetlejuice,” “Ace Ventura,” “Star Trek VI” and “Lethal Weapon 4,” plus TV shows, commercials, magazines, amusement parks, and Planet Hollywood restaurants.

Primarily a figurative sculptor, Turner said [creating cow art presented a considerable challenge](#).

“Immediately upon seeing the call for artists for CowParade SLO County, I was intrigued by the possibilities that cows present,” Turner said. “Humor, mostly!”

Marilyn Moonroe, sponsored by the City of San Luis Obispo Tourism Business Improvement District, uses the iconic image of Marilyn Monroe striking a pose atop a subway grate. Turner deconstructed the original fiberglass cow to create a standing version.

Milk & Honey, sponsored by heating and cooling company smart72, combines the life-size fiberglass cow with an equally large honey bear, “focusing on how they stand together as BFFs,” Turner said.

Classic California features an upright surfing cow, sponsored by Pismo Beach Conference & Visitors Bureau.

“Until now, my work has steered udderly away from moo-dern abstraction,” Turner added. “This year, however, I am beefing up my cattlelogue.”

CowParade San Luis Obispo County will feature 101 life-sized fiberglass cows, beautifully decorated by sponsored artists. On Sept. 17, the cows will be herded to the front meadow at the famously pink Madonna Inn for public viewing from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. After that, the cows will be moooooooved to different parts of the county, where the “grazing” bovines will become public figures (and selfie magnets!) for seven months.

After their time in the spotlight, the cows will be auctioned off for local charities.

Previously, CowParades have been hosted by major cities, including Paris, Madrid, and Rome, which are well-known cultural centers. [CowParade SLO County](#) is the first regional CowParade in the country.

To view the cows and find more information at CowParadeSLO.com.