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Kansas City's gonzo artists Megan Mantia and Leone Anne Reeves are at it again! The next installment in their multi-year pilgrimage project *YEAR OF DREAMS* will include attending one of the largest, most extreme mass-gatherings in the US, Burning Man. This pilgrimage is special because not only will Mantia and Reeves be attending for the first time, but they were awarded a \$3,000 grant by the Burning Man High Council to fund their travel and elaborate-performance plans upon arrival. Burning Man awards \$700,000 in artist grants each year, but with 70,000 artists in attendance it is still a very competitive grant process and a huge honor to receive.

Mantia and Reeves are just coming down off of the success of their mysterious city-walk commissioned by Charlotte Street Foundation for Jamie Lynn Polson Lacy's exit curatorial exhibition *Rises Zora* at La Esquina. They also traveled to Brooklyn to participate in the Coney Island Mermaid Parade this June. Their custom costumes caught the eye of Bravo Channel producers who were there filming a special episode of *The Real Housewives of New York City* and asked Mantia and Reeves to be on the same float as the Housewives. Keep an eye out for the *RHONY* Season 6 Mermaid Parade episode and you'll be sure to see them! Their plans for Burning Man are sure to turn just as many heads as they dress like law enforcement cops and perform a dance routine every 6 hours on the dot throughout the week. The duo hinted that they might be planning the routine to be simple enough that by the end of the week, all 70,000 burners will be doing the dance with them. It will also serve as an unofficial clock in a place that is unplugged from society. Mantia had this to say about their plans, "All I know is I just downloaded the Burning Man app and I'm relieved to learn that there's a theme camp that will wash your hair for you. That's pretty much where my priorities lie right now." Leone added, "Yeah we're lucky that we have enough budget to end our spiritual week by staying in at the fancy Atlantis Casino and Hotel in Reno eating in all of their 8 restaurants and lounging in their world class spa."

To learn more about these artists, visit their websites:

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