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Biography

Raised in the Great Lakes State, Sarah Metzler is from the suburbs of Detroit; her abiding love for nature was learned young through stewardship and outdoor experiences with Camp Fire USA. Skills in English and Biology as well as Art subjects promised almost too many options to pursue academically, and in 2004, she finished an Environmental Science undergraduate program at the University of Michigan. Sarah's path as a multipotentialite has led to a breadth of experiences -- with work in community organizing, "mobile frozen confectionery vending," preparing tax returns and copyediting for social media marketing, in addition to artistic pursuits. She's motivated by novelty, artistic expression, and ecological principles.

Sarah officially entered 'professional artist' territory via face and body painting in 2008, with Express Yourself Body Art as her agent; she now runs her own enterprise as Glittrskin Body Art, specializing in fantasy face paint, airbrushing and special effects. Her hand-painted signage, murals and window art serve to beautify and inform locally, making the world just a bit better. Sarah has had her clay sculptures and other works in local galleries, art festivals and commissioned by special request.

Sarah moved to Tahoe in 2016 after visiting her stepsister, drawn by the convergence of mountain splendor and water big enough to evoke those Great Lakes. Since 2017, she's been an instructor at Lake Tahoe Paint & Sip, leading painting workshops for hobbyists while honing her landscape skills.

Finding art-loving community in such a beautiful setting has been a goal realized, and Sarah has strengthened her craft with ceramics coursework at Lake Tahoe Community College. Rewards have included being an officer in the college art club and finding exhibition opportunities with local groups such as High Vibe Society, Sierra Arts Foundation and Tahoe Art Alliance.