Burning Man laser show will project human genome into atmosphere

Would you like your genome shone 30-40 kilometres into the atmosphere from the middle of the desert with a giant laser? What are we saying, of course you do. And if you're planning on being at Burning Man this year in the northern Nevada desert, where temperatures regularly hit the high 30s in dry and dusty Black Rock City, you can.

Genome Laser — currently raising funds on Indiegogo to make this happen — is the brainchild of Michael Raasch (AKA Skippy), Vincent Rebers and Alex Housley. The team plans on encoding 3.2 billion base pairs of DNA, feeding this through pattern generation software they've built themselves, then channelling it through a 60W laser from Aspire Tower, in Burning Man's Aspire Village.

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