

Bodhi Life: A Transgender New Media Artist's Digital Memoir

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<http://ethanbach.com/bodhi-life-press-kit/>



Title: First Shave

Year: 2001

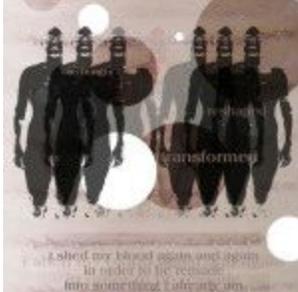
Text: Ethan Bach began taking hormones in 2001. At the time, there were very few resources about transitioning. Ethan had to walk his doctor through the process. Much of his support came from an online message board. #BodhiLife #NoShame



Title: VW Bus

Year: 1996

Text: Ethan Bach was living as Shawna Rae Sinkler and had just graduated from The Evergreen State College. Right after graduation he and some friends drove his 1972 VW camper bus to San Francisco. #BodhiLife #HelloMyNameWas



Title: Pieces

Year: 2005

Text: In 2005 Ethan Bach had a hysterectomy and created this artwork. Insurance did not, and most all still do not, cover Gender Reassignment Surgery. He was lucky, his medical exam came back inconclusive for cancerous cells on his cervix. Insurance paid for the surgery. #BodhiLife #NoShame



Title: Queer Motorcycle

Year: 1993

Text: When Ethan came out in 1993, he embraced the 1990s Queer movement. He first came out as bisexual, then as a lesbian, and for many years identified as a Dyke. #BodhiLife #NoShame



Title: Mirror

Year: 2004

Text: Images taken 1999 (left) and 2004 (right). In 1999, Ethan who was legally named Shawna-Rae, moved from Olympia, Washington to move to Santa Fe, New Mexico. He wanted a place where he could get a good foundation of himself and not be overly influenced by people he knew in Olympia regarding his decision to transition. #BodhiLife #NoShame #HelloMyNameWas



Title: Videocamera

Year: 2009

Text: Ethan Bach became interested in working with video in 1994. He spent many years of his life as if the camera was permanently attached to his hand. He documented his transition, trial and tribulations of his life, and created art. #BodhiLife #NoShame



Title: Honor Thy Father

Year: 1975

Text: Ethan Bach was born Shawna Rae Sinkler into a small town in Washington State. He was raised steeped in Protestant and Lutheran traditions as insisted by his mother. His father was an alcoholic which Ethan would emulate in his teens. #BodhiLife #NoShame



Title: Cooper Point Journal

Year: 1995

Text: At college, Ethan flourished. He played rugby, was a coordinator for the Evergreen Queer Alliance club, hosted a weekly radio show on the local radio station, developed queer studies curriculum, produced the Ninth Annual Olympia Lesbian Gay Film Festival, and organized events. #BodhiLife #NoShame #HelloMyNameWas



Title: Ethan Bach

Year: 2015

Text: "Half of my life I have been out as Transgender and living in a way where I feel more comfortable in my own skin, but this expression does not negate the first half of my life. I have a right to be proud of my entire existence. *Bodhi Life* is about having ownership over my whole life and all of my experiences and to encourage others to do the same." #BodhiLife #NoShame #HelloMyNameWas



Title: 1984

Year: 1984

Text: In seventh grade, Ethan Bach began drinking, smoking, and using drugs. He was 12 years old when he made the conscious decision to no longer care about life. He quickly went from being a model student to skipping school and getting kicked out of class. Ethan went to drug and alcohol treatment at the age of 16. #BodhiLife #NoShame