



## Jeff Betz - Artist Bio

Jeff Betz was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan and has lived in Portland, Oregon since 1990. His education in Art has been self-directed and motivated excepting various continuing education art classes. He began drawing and painting in his early 30's with a particular interest in German Expressionism and as a result of having no other clear career interests. In his 40's his interest in painting and other two dimensional forms began to wane and he began working with sculptural forms particularly the mask which has been his passion for the past several years. Jeff has always been ambivalent about showing and selling his work but after being laid off from his job as an insurance man in 2008 and with a large body of mask work on his hands he now wishes to bring his masks out into the world.