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Jeff Betz - Masks

Profile

Maker of masks and other sculptural forms and assemblage.

Education

Self taught and educated in Art excepting various continuing education classes in painting, printmaking and graphic design at PNCA, Portland, Oregon.

Exhibitions/Shows

Donation/Charity Auction for Dove Lewis Animal Hospital, Portland, OR. 2007 and 2009

Donation/Charity Auction for SCRAP, Recycling and Reuse Center, Portland, OR. 2009

Portland Halloween Bazaar, Portland, OR. 2009

Skills

While I possess the rudimentary skills of drawing and painting as well as printmaking it is the sculptural form which has been the primary focus of my work over the past several years. And in particular the mask form. I sculpt with molding clay as a base adding paper laminate and *mâché* as the foundation. Construction involves the use of various woodworking tools and hardware which are also used to create wooden mask stands if necessary. The finishing process requires my skills as a painter. Some form of costume which may accompany a mask involves working with fabric. Dying, painting and stenciling on fabric as well as hand stitching. After an Arts & Crafts fashion all these skills in various mediums are applied to create the finished piece which functions not only as a wearable mask but also a work of sculpture.