

Marcie Schwartzman

Biography

Marcie Schwartzman lives in Cooperstown NY. She is a ceramicist and fiber artist whose work is primarily sculptural.

Artist Statement - Who Wears The Mask

Masks can obscure, but also reveal. Some feel a mask hides one's truth. But we should be humble about believing that we have the truth. A mask can prevent a foot in the mouth, and allow the truth to reveal itself. A mask can prevent others' pain. The challenge is to know which mask to wear at which time. The right mask can help us subtly, yet effectively, make change. But here is the complication, do I always know which mask I wear and how it is seen by others? And how many masks do I wear? This piece is meant to prompt the viewer to focus on the masks we present to the world and to ourselves. It employs contrasting materials and layers, with each element intended to make more of its partner elements:

clay and fiber
black and white
smooth and rough
shiny and matte
cotton and wool
knitted and woven
hand-crafted and found objects