Norman Brown

Born in January of 1949, Norman Brown was the ninth child of ten to grow up in the Hill District of Pittsburgh

Norman began seriously painting during the 1970's as payment for dance classes and in preparation for his first one man show to be held in the early summer of 1978. Norman's artwork is part of many private and corporate collections in Pittsburgh and around the country.

In 1976, Norman attended the University of Pittsburgh and received a master's degree in special education and a bachelor's in elementary education. While currently retired from teaching for the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education for 25+ years, Norman was previously represented by Michael Hertrich Art and Frame in Pittsburgh PA for over 20 years which relocated and renamed Michael Hertrich Fine Art in Harrisburg until their closure in 2019. Today, Norman's work can be seen at Hertrich Gallery 123 W. Main Street Somerset PA 15501. and at Ujamaa Collective 1901 Centre Ave, Suite 103 PGH. PA 15219

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Artist Statement Norman Brown

I am a self-taught artist with work that includes acrylic paintings of fantasy figures, landscapes, still life compositions of real and made-up objects, dance phrases and gestures, reworked prehistoric and primitive images and designs (particularly African), as well as abstracts, collages and carved acrylic painted drywall reliefs.

I hope that my art evokes some eyebrow lifting, smiles, laughs, wonder, and joy in the love of color, fantasy and primitive art.