

## Biography

Jean-Robert P. Be'ffort was born in 1962 in Spokane, Washington and grew up in Great Falls, Montana. He attended Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana and received a Bachelor's of Architecture in 1986. He moved to Portland, Oregon and worked for various architectural firms for 5 years before going out on his own as a design/builder focusing on recycled and alternative building methods. In 1992 he moved to Taos, New Mexico, learned carpentry and built Earthships , Adobes and Strawbale buildings.

In 1995 he moved to Silver City, New Mexico and was self-employed as a designer/builder, draftsperson, graphic designer, carpenter, stone mason and artisan creating glass and tile mosaics. He has three children, two sons aged 15 and 12 and a 6 year old daughter.

In 2004 he received an incomplete spinal cord injury from a treefall . After rehabilitation he created various custom tile mosaics, taught art for 7th and 8th graders before turning to art full time. Offered a free small studio space by a local artist for a year he began his artistic career at the age of 46 and followed with his first solo show in 2008 of collages and mixed-media assemblage sculptures. Quickly outgrowing the small adobe studio, he relocated in 2009 to a 4000 s.f. warehouse where he currently works, features local artists and operates a)sp."A"©e : Studio/ Art/Gallery.