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My name is Barry Keller. I cant help but make things. It's who God created me to be. I grew up building houses and always enjoyed using my hands to make things that weren't there before. I like all different types of media but have recently focused on metal. I have no "proper" art education. Ive learned everything I know from hands on experience.

Ortho Tango is all welded scrap steel coated in nickle. All the cuts were made with a handheld reciprocating saw and ground down with an angle grinder. The ribs are solid square stock that I cold bent by hand using a static pipe bender and then a sledge hammer. The skulls were an eight inch pipe I chopped up and welded back together. I figured out how to pour the masks out of aluminum using a foundry that I slapped together.

Since I recently moved and don't have a proper studio yet, I made most of the piece in a friends barn. Black Sheep Family Farm in Floyd. They have an organic C.S.A. and let me use a slice of their big barn.

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