

*Barbara Odil*  
**Artist Statement**

My journey as an artist began when my grandmother, a gifted painter, bought me oil paints and instructed me in their use. From this pivotal experience I followed the creative path, first with painting and drawing , later working three dimensionally with jewelry and metal working.

In the early 1990's I began a spiritual quest, participating in workshops based on indigenous spirituality. My practice of shamanic techniques merged with my creative work, and I began making figures that celebrated the natural world.

I live in a beautiful hardwood forest along a big creek. There, through exploration, scavenging and contemplation, I find my inspiration and many of the natural materials incorporated in my figurative sculptures. The spirit of the unseen, which speaks to me through the natural world, guides my creative process.

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#### COMMISSIONS AND COLLECTIONS

Dr. Ronald Taylor, Department Chairman, African American Studies, University of Connecticut / Storrs, Connecticut  
Mercer University, Indigenous Art Collection / Macon, Georgia

#### OTHER RECOGNITION

Invitational Exhibition, Dolls as Messengers / Memphis Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN.	1998
Work featured on Channel 4 News / New York, New York	1996
American Craft Marketing, Show Postcard featuring spirit doll / Slade Hill, New York	1995
Southex Exhibitions, Show Postcard featuring spirit doll / San Francisco, California	1995

#### JURIED EXHIBITIONS

Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation / Watkinsville, Georgia	2001
Art Station, Southeast Fine Crafts Juried Exhibition / Stone Mountain, Georgia	1996
Clayton Street Gallery, Images of the Southeast / Athens, Georgia	1996
The Gallery at Cedar Hollow; Theater, Dance, Music, and Masks / Malvern, Pennsylvania	1994
Bobo's Monkey, Group Invitational / Atlanta, Georgia	1994
African American Art Museum / Madison, Georgia	1994

#### JURIED SHOWS

Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation / Watkinsville, Georgia	2000-2009
19th - 26nd Annual American Crafts Festival at Lincoln Center (summer) / New York, New York	1995-2002
10th - 15TH Annual American Crafts Festival at Lincoln Center (fall) / New York, New York	1995-2001
Crafts Park Avenue (winter) / New York, New York	1998-2000
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Media D'Arte (winter) / New York, New York	1998-2000
Great Gulf Coast Arts Festival / Fairhope, Alabama	1997, 1999
Magic City / Birmingham, Alabama	1997, 1999
Artspllosure, Raleigh / North Carolina	1994, 1996, 1999
Arts Festival of Atlanta / Atlanta, Georgia	1973, 1974, 1993, 1994, 1996
Artscape '96 / Baltimore, Maryland	1996, 1997
Bluff Park / Birmingham, Alabama	1996, 1997, 2004, 2005, (upcoming 2009)
Kentuck / Tuscaloosa, Alabama	1994, 1996

#### SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS (CO-CURATED BY ARTIST)

Woodhill Arts Exhibition / Athens, Georgia	2002
Sister Spirits, Wunder / Athens, Georgia	2000
Hidden Reflections: Mirrors, Masks and Myths, Clayton Street Gallery / Athens, Georgia	1999

#### PUBLICATIONS

Dolls Magazine, New Faces (September 2000) / New York, New York	2000
Textiel Plus, "De oerwezens van Barbara Odil" (December 2002) / Netherlands	2002

#### CURRENT COMMUNITY SERVICE

Board member, Fundraising Co-chairperson, Northeast Georgia Sexual Assault Ctr.	2002-2005
St. Mary's Hospice, Hospice Volunteer	2001-2005