STAN BITTERS

Stan Bitters was born in 1936 in Fresno, California to Henry Bitter and Lydia Weber. After graduating from Fresno High School, he pursued a degree in art and attended San Diego State, where he became roommates with John Bladesarri. Later on he transferred to Otis College, and finally to UCLA where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Painting. In 1958, immediately after college, he worked at Hans Sumpf Company in Madera, California. The Hans Sumpf Company was known for inventing a special emulsification process for water-proofing adobe bricks. While its core business was in manufacturing adobe bricks, the company wanted an in-house ceramics studio. Stan became their first artist.