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Jodie Hutchens

Leaving behind a quarter century career in television design and animation, Georgia-based artist Jodie Hutchens now embraces creative life within the fine arts.

Born and raised in Peoria, Illinois to a large, Catholic family, Hutchens earned a Bachelor of Science in Visual Communications, from Illinois State University, before uprooting for Atlanta, Georgia, in the late 80s.

Early employment began in print media, but soon, she landed in broadcast television design; enjoying a career spanning over two decades with CNN. Her artistic focus evolved from graphic design to art direction, and soon presided over projects that became signatures of many CNN's noteworthy programs.

While serving as CNN's Design Director, Hutchens pursued post-baccalaureate studies in Fine Art at Georgia State University; a profound life-changing experience, leading to full-time studies at Kennesaw State University.

After her studies, her body of work largely focused on interiors, shaped by a passion for architecture and decor. Although representational, her loose brush stroke enticed the viewer to fill in the blanks with their own imagination.

Hutchens's current body of work has migrated from representational compositions to broadly personal, yet abstract themes. Born of newly acquired skills and mediums, her paintings are reflective of a struggle for a more meaningful expression. She yearns for surprises in her work, and calls out for the beauty of imperfection. She celebrates the uncovering of lost layers, and is especially interested in line as an element of expression and artistry.

Jodie Hutchens currently works from her studio at the Urban Art Collective, in Chamblee, Georgia.