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About the Artist: Karen Offutt

Karen Offutt was born and raised in Dallas, Texas by a creative family who encouraged her to explore her artistic talent from an early age. Her father was an artist and her mother is a designer and owner of a needlepoint company. Throughout her formative years, Offutt excelled in art classes and participated in several art exhibits. As a young adult she sought a more serious outlet for her talent. She didn't find the ultimate education for the type of realism she sought therefore she discovered art related jobs to keep her motivated. Offutt's goal was to learn to paint with oils. She had an opportunity to do so through Austin Fine Arts Classes, where she learned a more classical approach.

From there, she attended workshops from nationally renowned artists and from there began to find her own path in her creative journey.

From her studio in Austin, Texas, Offutt approaches her paintings with an atmospheric sensitivity combining shape, tone line, and color. The inspiration of her preferred subject matter comes ultimately from figure.

In the Artist's Words...

"I have always loved painting people whether in natural surroundings or in a more staged setting. As an artist, I am very aware of my environment which invites me to be a constant observer. I see potential in everything and my emotional reaction guides me to the specific inspiration. There are different aspects to my painting, for example technical skill, creative freedom and emotional truth. My goal is to create work that guides all these elements in a direction that moves me."

Selected Awards & Honors:

2003 Salon International Greenhouse Gallery, Honorable Mention

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Selected Exhibitions:

2002-2006

Annual Two Person Show, Jack Meier Gallery, Houston, TX

2004

Introductions, Greenhouse Gallery, San Antonio, TX

Wine, Women & Roses, Wendt Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA

Holiday Invitational, Bennett Street Gallery, Atlanta, GA

2005

Emerging Artists Show, Scottsdale, AZ

Interiors & Exteriors, Group Show, Bennett Street Gallery, Atlanta, GA

2006

Solo Show, Wendt Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA

U.S. Artists Show, Philadelphia, PA

Focus on the Figure, Group Show, Bennett Street Gallery, Atlanta, GA

2007

Solo Show, Jack Meier Gallery, Houston, TX

2008

American Art Invitational, Group Show, Saks Galleries, Denver, CO

Group Show, Jack Meier Gallery, Houston, TX