

# Deborah Opitz

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## EDUCATION

**Savannah College of Art and Design**  
Bachelor of Fine Arts 1989  
Savannah, Georgia

## EXPERIENCE

**CNN Cable News Network**  
Graphic Design Department Manager  
Atlanta, Georgia  
February 1992 - current

Conceptualize, design and implement daily on-air graphics and graphic packages as well as collaborate with producers, writers and reporters from around the world

Work creatively in decision making for all CNN on-air shows and pre-produced segments

Responsible for copy editing graphic content and presentations for live television and breaking news

Assign and oversee numerous time critical projects

Hire, train and manage a group of graphic designers for a 24 hour news network

Coordinate and implement 24 hour scheduling for a group of 15 designers

**Baldwin County High School**  
High School Art Teacher  
Bay Minette, Alabama  
August 2006 - 2008

Responsible for creating and executing lesson plans that met and/or exceeded state and federal curriculum standards and requirements

Taught grades 9th - 12th art history classes combined with studio projects at subject levels ranging from Art I through Art IV

Studio instruction included drawing, painting (oil, acrylic and watercolor), sculpture and mixed-media

Sponsored the Art Club and was involved in arranging student participation in various local art exhibitions and competitions

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**STANDARD**

*Mixed-media artist (sold 7 pieces to Mellow Mushroom Portland)*

*Industrial furniture designer*

*Renovated 12 historic houses & held my Real Estate License in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama*