

## JULIA HAMILTON ♦ BIO

Julia Hamilton enjoys creating intricate line drawings, brilliant mixed media artwork, and intriguing digital paintings in her hometown of Columbus, Ohio. She has loved creating art since childhood. Her artwork has been referred to as "graceful-yet-intense."

Hamilton began working in oils and acrylics in her teens. While attending Dublin Coffman High School, she attended art lessons at Columbus College of Art and Design where she learned the basics of drawing and painting. At the age of 18, she was awarded top 25 (Governor's Medallion) in a state-wide competition for a painting titled, "Sheep."

After graduating from high school, Hamilton attended University of Cincinnati, majoring in Fine Art. She soon became disillusioned with art school, switching to Information Technology (IT). She graduated with a bachelor degree in Computer Science and has enjoyed a lengthy, successful career working in IT, all the while keeping her artwork as her true passion and stabilizing foundation.

In 2008, Hamilton began challenging herself, taking on the cosmos using pointillism. She completed a series of drawings in felt pen on clay board, inspired by Hubble images. Her style became airier and more abstract. Eventually she began incorporating intricate patterns into her artwork, and her style evolved into an abstract variation of art nouveau.

In 2011, Hamilton completed her first major piece entitled "Quantum Flux" using her art nouveau style. This began a series of abstract artwork relating to science, nature, and the cosmos. This new style renewed her passion for her artwork, making it an essential part of her daily life.

In 2014, Hamilton began painting on her iPad with her finger, creating artwork using the same art nouveau style. Her background in IT made using technology in the creation of artwork a natural fit. She began showing her work in 2014.

In 2015, Hamilton began using alcohol ink to add bold, unstructured components to her artwork. She sometimes lights the alcohol ink on fire, letting the flames create interesting shapes and textures. It was at this time that Julia moved into a studio at 400 West Rich, where she enjoys being a part of the Franklinton art community.

In 2017, Hamilton was able to make art her full-time profession, fulfilling a lifelong dream. She is currently enrolled in Columbus College of Art & Design's Master of Fine Art program.