



HENDRIKE BARZ-MELTZER

Jewellery Designer, Maker, Tutor

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BACKGROUND

- Born in 1974, Germany
- Education up to A-Level in Germany
- Studio Location: St Albans, Hertfordshire, UK

ARTISTIC STATEMENT

The jewellery pieces I create result from a process involving drawing, model-making and experimentation. Using a variety of techniques and materials, they are defined by an understated, minimal style, often in 'odd' or off-centre arrangements. My practice is guided by environmental and ethical concerns to create jewellery that is timeless, beautiful and which was made responsibly.

TEACHING

I am deeply passionate about the art of making and especially the making of jewellery. My fascination with jewellery history often informs and enriches my practical work. I enjoy exploring how historical insights shape my creative process and find immense satisfaction in incorporating this research into my lesson planning. My research is reflected in detailed written handouts that cover a variety of techniques as well as background and historical information. By doing so, I aim to create lessons that are both stimulating and directly relevant to what my students learn.

Sharing my passion with students is at the heart of my teaching philosophy. I strive to inspire them, nurturing their confidence as they learn the craft. I am committed to guiding them through moments of frustration, helping them reframe mistakes as valuable opportunities for growth and discovery. My approach emphasizes reassurance, patience, and clear, thorough explanations to demystify challenging techniques and reduce fear.

Teaching is a two-way process, and I am grateful for the questions my students pose. Their curiosity encourages me to reflect on my own practice, driving me to delve deeper in search of answers. This ongoing exchange not only benefits my students but also continually enhances my skills and understanding, allowing me to grow alongside them.

EDUCATION

2002-2004	MA Understanding & Securing Human Rights <i>University of London</i>
1998-2000	MA Modern History <i>Birkbeck College, University of London</i>
1994-1997	BA(Hons) Jewellery Design (First Class) <i>Central St Martins College of Art & Design, London</i>
1993-1994	BTEC National Diploma Art & Design <i>Huddersfield Technical College</i>

AWARDS

1997	Encouragement Prize <i>1997 JNWS International Jewellery Design Competition, Japan</i>
1997	Winner <i>Brian Wood Memorial Fund Travelling Scholarship, London</i>
1996	Winner <i>Goldsmiths' Craft Council Bursary Award, London</i>
1996	First Price <i>Goldsmiths' Craft Council Craftsmanship & Design Awards, Junior Section, London</i>

EMPLOYMENT & SELF-EMPLOYMENT

2026 (upcoming)	Jewellery Tutor
2020 - Present	Jewellery Tutor

DUTIES

- Teaching occasional short courses at West Dean College

	<i>Rachel Jeffrey, Wheathampstead</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and conducting technical short-courses, taster classes and term-length courses. • Researching and writing of extensive hand-outs for these courses.
2018-2020	Jewellery Tutor <i>MADE in Herts Studios, Hertford</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and conducting technical short-courses, and term-length courses.
2015 - Present	Jewellery Designer & Maker <i>My own self-employed business</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing and making my own jewellery collections. • Exhibiting these with selected galleries and fairs in the UK.
1998-2021	Employee - various positions at <i>The Breslaff Centre (charity), London</i>	
1996-2002	Jewellery Designer & Maker <i>Barbara Christie, London</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing and making jewellery

PLANNED EXHIBITIONS / FAIRS

2026 (Feb / March)	Collect Art Fair , Somerset House, London
2026 (May)	London Craft Week Showcase , at The Forge, Leather Lane, London
2026 (June)	Craft Festival Bovey Tracey , Devon
2026 (July)	Desire , Craft in Focus, Waterperry Gardens, Oxford
2026 (Nov)	Desire , Craft in Focus, Wisley Gardens

PAST EXHIBITION / FAIRS

2025 (November)	Desire , Craft in Focus, Wisley Gardens
2025 (August)	Dazzle Contemporary Jewellery , Edinburgh
2025 (August)	Byard Art , Cambridge, Summer Exhibition
2025 (July)	Desire , Craft in Focus, Waterperry Gardens, Oxford
2025 (June)	Craft Festival , Bovey Tracey, Devon
2025 (May)	Goldsmiths' North , Sheffield
2024 (Oct)	MADE London , 1 Marylebone, London
2024 (Oct)	Acquire , Harrogate
2024 (June)	Craft Festival , Bovey Tracey, Devon
2024 (Mar)	Cluster , Chelsea Town Hall, London
2023-2024	Yorkshire Sculpture Park , Made Showcase, YSP West Bretton, Wakefield
2023 (Oct-Dec)	New Brewery Arts , Christmas Showcase, Brewery Court, Cirencester
2023 (Oct)	MADE London , Angel, Islington, London
2023 (Oct)	Acquire , Harrogate
2023 (June)	Craft Festival , Bovey Tracey, Devon
2023 (Mar)	Craft Festival , Cheltenham
2022	Meanings & Messages , ACJ Touring Exhibition: 6 different locations in UK
2022 (June)	Craft Festival , Bovey Tracey, Devon
2021 (Nov)	Elements , Online, Scottish Goldsmiths' Trust
2021	2021 Open : ACJ Exhibition (online)
2021	Monochrome: Shades of Black & White ; Ruthin Craft Centre, Wales
2021 (Mar)	Digital Craft Festival , online
2020 (June, Aug, Sept, Nov, Dec)	MADE London / MADE Makers ; Monthly online Fair during Covid Pandemic
2020	Glasshouses ; ACJ Exhibition (online)

2019 (Nov)	Elements: festival of Jewellery, Silver & Gold; Edinburgh
2019 (Mar)	MADE London, Canary Wharf, London
2018 (Dec)	MADE London, St Mary's, London
2018 (Oct)	MADE London, 1 Marylebone, London
2018	Follow the Line; Exhibition, Artichoke Gallery, Ticehurst, TN5
2018	Choice; ACJ Summer Exhibition, New Ashgate Gallery, Farnham
2018 (Jun)	West Dean Arts & Crafts Festival, Chichester
2018	European Connections, Exhibition, Bluecoat Display Centre, Liverpool
2018	Featured Article, Argentium Silver Guild website
2018	Eastern Influence, Exhibition, New Ashgate Gallery, Farnham
2017 (Oct)	MADE London, 1 Marylebone, London
2017 (May)	MADE London, Bloomsbury, London
2017	20:20 Visions, ACJ UK Touring Exhibition
2016 (Oct)	MADE London, 1 Marylebone, London
2016 (Jun)	West Dean Craft & Design Fair, Chichester
2015 (Nov)	Made in Clerkenwell, London
2015	Scottish Gallery, Exhibition of work, Edinburgh

STOCKISTS

- Contemporary Applied Arts, London
- Bircham Gallery, Holt, Norfolk
- Byard Art, Cambridge

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

- Craft Council Directory
- Contemporary Applied Arts (CAA)
- Association for Contemporary Jewellery (ACJ)
- Society of Jewellery Historians
- Find-A-Maker (by Crafts Festival)
- Assay Office, London
- Single Mine Origin (registered user), Betts Metals