



Namasté McLardy BDes(Hons)

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I design and make jewellery. All the jewellery I make is from my own designs and is fabricated by me, from the basic material to the finished article. I work in sterling silver, gold and platinum and sometimes use precious and semi-precious stones or beads.

My current jewellery designs are inspired by the surrounding landscape and especially natural foliage, leaves and buds, although I like to use a variety of themes as a source. Musical instruments inspired my degree-show pieces, which included a set of cutlery and trinket-box.

Since July 2000 I have been a designer for Ola Gorie, a leading Scottish jewellery manufacturer and to date they have produced five Collections from my designs with another two in the pipeline. These collections have all been Celtic in theme and have been very successful throughout Britain. From October 1997 to June 2003 I designed and made collections of jewellery exclusively for Kilmartin House Museum shop, inspired by the rock carvings in the local area and artefacts in the museum.

I trained at the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, a Faculty of the University of Dundee where I specialised in Jewellery and Metalwork and graduated with a 2.1 Bachelor of Design, Honours Degree. I set up in business in July 1997 with the help of the Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust, Argyll & Bute Council and Argyll and the Islands Enterprise.

Apart from my own jewellery making I have also taught all age groups through various workshops in Argyll and further a field. These are usually an introduction into making jewellery using copper, silver and semi precious beads. Various techniques are demonstrated using a variety of hand tools and guidance given about the scope of these techniques. Experimentation with design, form, texture and pattern is encouraged.

As a committee member of Elemental Arts, a Voluntary Arts Organisation, I have helped organise and run the annual Ardfern and Craobh Haven Arts Festivals.

EXHIBITIONS

Nov/ Dec. 2005	Elemental Arts Members Exhibition, The Spinnaker , Oban
July/ August 2005	Wavyline Gallery , Ardfern & Craobh Haven Arts Festival
Nov.'04 to Jan.'05	The Green Gallery , Aberfoyle
July 2004	Wavyline Gallery , Ardfern & Craobh Haven Arts Festival
Nov.'03 to Jan.'04	Juno Gallery , Dunoon
August 2003	'Six Argyll Artists', Benmore Botanic Gardens , nr Dunoon
July 2003	Stables Workshop , Ardfern
December 2002	Christmas Exhibition, Stables Workshop , Ardfern
August 2002	Stables Workshop , Ardfern
March 2002	The Archway , Lochgilphead for Dochas Fund
October 2001	P.S.Y.B.T. Art Exhibition, Alloa Tower , Alloa.
July 2001	Stables Workshop , Ardfern
August 2000	Wavyline Gallery , Ardfern
November 1999	Christmas Exhibition, The Archway , Lochgilphead
July 1998	'Wave of Independence' exhibition, Wave Whisper Gallery , Dunoon
November 1997	'Works of Wonder' exhibition, Wave Whisper Gallery , Dunoon.
March 1997	Strathearn Gallery , Crieff.
January 1997	Barbican Centre , London (a ' Designers Jewellers Group ' exhibition.).
October 1996	'Passing Out', Royal Museum of Scotland , Edinburgh.
July 1996	New Designers , Business Design Centre, London.
June 1996	Degree Show , Duncan of Jordanstone College , Dundee.
December 1995	MacRoberts Centre , Stirling.
December 1994	Christmas Exhibitions, Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and the Seagate Gallery , Dundee.



EDUCATION

1992 – '96 Degree Course specialising in Jewellery and Metalwork, Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, Dundee. **Graduated with BDes(Hons) 2:1**
Support Subject - Photography

1991 – '92 Portfolio Course, Leith School of Art, Edinburgh

July 1991 Drawing & Painting Course, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Mass., U.S.A

1985 – '91 Lochgilphead High School, Lochgilphead, Argyll

C.S.Y.S French - C
Higher Art - A
Higher English - C
Higher French - B
Higher Maths - C
Higher Geography - B
Ordinary Art & Design - 1
Ordinary Arithmetic - 1
Ordinary Biology - 2
Ordinary English - 2
Ordinary French - 1
Ordinary Geography - 1
Ordinary Mathematics - 2
Grade 5 Music and Music Theory

INTERESTS

Travel I have been to France many times (mother from Paris), Spain, India, South Africa, the U.S.A, England, Ireland and around Scotland. There are many more places I would like to visit. Landscapes, Architecture and people are hugely inspirational.

Art I am very interested in and inspired by all art disciplines and techniques. I enjoy and am stimulated by exhibitions and books as well as art in nature.

Design I like to be aware of new design trends but also classic and traditional design (nationally and around the world). I am especially interested in Jewellery design but also clothing and accessories, interior design, household goods and tableware.

OTHER

Computing I am familiar with Microsoft programmes including Word, Excel and Adobe Photoshop.

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