Eizabeth Annid Peers

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#### Elizabeth is an International Artist Silversmith.

I studied Jewellery and Silversmith at London Metropolitan, graduating in 2008. That same year I undertook a residency at Bishopsland, a specialist-training workshop in South Oxfordshire, where I gained from master classes, tutorial time and the community. Following that I travelled to Holland's silver city, Schoonhoven where I spent a year developing my skills as a maker and working with two prominent Dutch silversmiths; Jan van Nouhuys and Paul de Vries. I am a creative, passionate artist dedicated to my vocation as a silversmith. The human form, character and persona are what I seek to express in the curves, bulges, folds and undulations of my pieces. At present my work is strongly influenced by scarring and facial disfiguration. I want to translate what people can perceive as 'unnatural or repulsive' into something beautiful, how it should be perceived. I believe silverware should be held and caressed, just as those with misfortune should be loved and admired. The owner of a piece of mine should imbue a little of themselves within that piece and treasure it.

## Future Shows&Projects:

Crafts Council HOTHOUSE Program, London, September 2011- March 2012 Goldsmiths' Fair, Goldsmiths' Hall, London, 26th September – 2th October 2011 Space Duru Gallery, Seoul, Korea, 25th October - 8th November 2011 Desire, Winchester, November 2011

PAN Amsterdam, RAI Parkhal, Amsterdam The Netherlands, November 2011 'Bowl In a Weekend' EAP Studios

#### Past Shows:

Festival of Silver, Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh, 1st-31st July 2011

John Higgins Contemporary Silver, Sussex, 18th June – 3rd July 2011

**Urban Armour**, Burnham Market, Norfolk 16th June – 23rd July 2011

Rising Stars, Pangolin Gallery, London, 9th - 12th May 2011

'Silverstruck - New Work in Silver', Ruthin Craft Centre, Wales, 12th February – 27th March 2011.

'Silverstruck - New Work In Silver', National Museum Wales, Cardiff, 11h April - June 2011

Zilvernacht, Schoonhoven, The Netherlands 11th December 2010

London Design Festival, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, 18th September – 26th September 2010

Side x Side, Edge to Edge, Royal Cornwall Museum, Truro 17th September – 6th November 2010

**PAN Amsterdam,** RAI Parkhal, Amsterdam The Netherlands, 21 – 28th November 2010

British Silver Week 2010, 5th-20th June 2010, Hungerford & Oxford

ZILVERDAG, Zilvergalerie de Watertoren, Schoonhoven, Holland, 24th May 2010

Common Bowl, The Danish Museum of Design and Art, Copenhagen, Denmark, 8th May – 29th August 2010

British Silver Week launch 2010, Pangolin Gallery, London, 27th April 2010

Silver Studies in Motion SCZ, Zilvergalerie de Watertoren, Schoonhoven, Holland, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010

Contemporary Silver Making from Bishopsland, Dovecot Gallery, Edinburgh, 3<sup>rd</sup> February –27<sup>th</sup> February 2010

SIDE x SIDE, Edge to Edge, Contemporary British Silversmiths, Finland, (touring) 2009 – 2011

Contemporary Silver - The Bishopsland Fellowship 1979 - 2009, V&A London, July - February 2010

**V&A Shop**, London, *July-September 2009* 

Art in Action, Oxfordshire, July 2009

Henley Festival, Henley-on-Thames, July 2009

JaM, Eton, June 2009

British Silver Week, Styles Silver, Hungerford, June 2009

Getting Started, Goldsmiths Hall, London, January 2009

Christmas@Bishopsland, Bishopsland, South Oxfordshire, November 2008

New Designers, Business Centre, London July 2008

Degree Show, London Metropolitan University, London, June 2008

NOCO<sub>2</sub> Campaign, London, 'More Trees Please', March 2007
'Modern Treasures', Swansea Grand Theatre, 'Whisperings', December 2006 - January 2007
Cass Catwalk Show, London, 'Whisperings' June 2006
EAT, London Metropolitan University, London, May 2006
Final Show Oxford Brookes Foundation, Oxford, 'Identify' May 2005

#### Awards and Courses

# L.J Millington Design through to Production Award, June 2009

Stichting Stokroos Financial Support, March 2010
The Gane Trust Grant, February 2010
SCAST Project Award, January 2010
BSW Sponsorship, Cookson Gold, London, February 2010
BSW Sponsorship, Merrell Casting, March 2009
City Fringe Equipment Capital Award Scheme, January 2009
Grants for the Arts, Arts Council, December 2008
Silver and Tools Sponsorship, Bellore, April 2008-2009
Considered for Precious Metal Bursary, The Goldsmiths' Company, November 2007

Crafts Council HOTHOUSE Program, London, September 2011- March 2012 British Silver Week Business Course London 21-22<sup>md</sup> November 2010 Secrets of Successful Selling – Goldsmiths Company, 18 September 2009 Ring in a Day, Teaching (adults), my workshop, January 2009 Getting Started Business Course, Goldsmiths' Hall, London, January 2009

#### Master Classes

Lin Cheung and Julia Graefe – Stone Setting 19 March 2009
Jacqueline Mina – Gold 2-4 April 2009
Rod Kelly – Chasing 18-20 April 2009
Elizabeth Callinicos – Granulation 24 April 2009
Ruth Anthony - Tool Making (engravers) 8 May 2009
Alan Schaff – Fine Silver 18-19 May 2009
Malcolm Appleby – Engraving 23-28 August 2009

## Education/Qualifications:

Silver In Motion, (2009-2010), Program of Excellence, Schoonhoven, The Netherlands Bishopsland Specialist Training Workshop, South Oxfordshire (2008 – 2009)

Fellowship and raining in Silversmithing

London Metropolitan University, London (2005 – 2008)

BA(Hons) Jewellery and Silversmithing, Related Arts (Design and Practice) Fashion Show Chairman and Students' Rep.

Oxford Brookes University, Oxford (2004-05)

Foundation Studies in Art and Design

Clifton College, Bristol (2002-04)

A-levels in Art (A), Biology (A) Chemistry (A) and Classical Civilisation As-level (B)

Badminton School, Bristol (1993-2002)

9 GCSEs