

Benjamin J. Cohen

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Employment

The True Gem, Dallas, TX

July 2021 - Present

Casting Department

Responsibilities include processing waxes, production management to insure timely customer delivery, investing, precious metal casting including platinum, creating specialty alloys, advising CAD designers on sprue placement and design, stone setting, repairs, polishing and finishing, equipment maintenance and troubleshooting.

Ben Cohen Jewelry, New York, NY and Dallas, TX

January 2015 – July 2021

Owner, Designer, Fabricator www.BenCohenJewelry.com

Founded jewelry and furniture business. Responsible for client development, meeting with clients, designing, fabricating, marketing and selling jewelry and furniture. Work completed is both custom as per the clients' needs and inspiration. Notable work: Designed pin for Pratt Institute to be awarded to Administrators and Alumni through Present.

Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York

June 2016 – July 2016

Major Mentor for Jewelry Pre-College Program

Responsibilities included assisting students with design and fabrication; supervising students in studio environment, and providing refreshers to students regarding jewelry techniques.

Vale Jewelry, New York, New York

June 2014 – August 2014

Intern

Responsibilities included purchasing raw materials, delivery and pick up of materials at fabricators, shipping products to customers, assist at pop-up sales shops, assist with design process, manage main office, answered telephone and responded to customers' inquiries, and assisted in the day-to-day management of a busy jewelry business located in the Diamond District of New York City.

Honors and Awards

Peters Valley Craft Fair - Juried acceptance into 49th Annual Peters Valley Craft Fair

September 2019

Mamaroneck Village Arts Competition - Second Place for Tree Branch Necklace.

August 2014

Education

Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York

May 2019

B.F.A. Fine Arts with a concentration in Jewelry Design

Relevant Courses: Rhino 3D, Stone setting, Casting, Welding & Forging, Hollowware, Rendering, Jewelry I – VI.

Original work shown at 2018 Junior Jewelry Show, 2019 Senior Thesis Jewelry Show and 2019 Design Show.

Academic Honors and Awards:

2019 BFA Jewelry Award, First Prize for Senior Thesis, Kitbash, Sponsored by Mark Davis, Inc.

President's List May 2019

Accademia Riace, Florence, Italy July – August 2017 Summer Intensive Course in Jewelry Making and Design

Studied jewelry technique of open work widely used in Florence, Italy since the Renaissance.

Birch Wathen Lenox School, New York, New York

May 2015

Honors and Awards:

Ziva Spiegler Award. Awarded to a student who showed a passion for an extracurricular activity. Received for passion and commitment to design and creation of jewelry.

Technical Skills

- Rhino 3D – proficient in creating 3D models and renderings using Rhino CAD program.
- Proficient in 3D Printing.
- Adobe Illustrator
- Proficient in hand rendering and hand fabrication of jewelry, furniture and other metal pieces.
- Current New York City Fire Department – Certified Fire Safety