

DEBORA DE STEFANIS

Artist Bio

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Debora De Stefanis is a Melbourne based creative who works mainly in metals and jewellery. Debora holds a Bachelor of Arts (Craft) degree, as well as a Master of Fine Arts. She currently works as a visual arts teacher and craft workshop facilitator at various studios, galleries, neighbourhood centres and festivals. After a hiatus from her own practice, with time spent mothering and teaching, Debora is thrilled to be turning the spotlight back to her own studio bench.

Debora's jewellery collections were once found in boutiques and gallery stores across Australia and internationally. Commissioned works have ranged from sculptures for corporate entities, to personal jewellery pieces. Debora has been involved with several group exhibitions nationally, with a solo exhibition in 2003 held at Platform exhibition space.

As a recipient of a grant from the Australia Council for the Arts, Debora was able to tour Italy for research purposes and attend an intensive program at Alchemia Contemporary Jewellery School in Florence. Throughout her time in academia and beyond, Debora has been awarded various prizes for both the technicality and designs in her work.

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QUALIFICATIONS & TRAINING

2013 - 2015	Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Primary), Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia
June - July 2004	Intensive Program, Alchemia Contemporary Jewellery School, Florence, Italy
2002 - 2003	Master of Fine Arts - Craft: Metals & Jewellery, Monash University, Caulfield, Victoria, Australia
1997	Bachelor of Arts - Craft Honours (First Class Honours) Monash University, Peninsula, Victoria, Australia
1994 - 1996	Bachelor of Arts - Craft, Monash University, Peninsula, Victoria, Australia

EXHIBITIONS

2024	"Design Fringe", Linden New Art, St Kilda, Vic
2004	"Masters Examination", Faculty Gallery, Caulfield, Vic
	"Artworks From Our Volunteers", Town Hall Gallery, Hawthorn, Vic
2003	"Festum Reliquiarum" - Solo Exhibition, Platform, Melbourne, Vic
	"Fine Arts Building Launch Exhibition", Monash University, Caulfield, Vic
2020	"Artists on Norton", Italian Institute of Culture, Sydney, NSW
1999	"The Letterbox Show", The Artist's Garden, Fitzroy, Vic
1998	"Graduate Metal VII", Salamanca Arts Centre, Hobart, Tas
	"Phoenix Art", The Studio, Malvern East, Vic
1997	"Metals & Jewellery", George Gallery, St. Kilda, Vic
	"City of Hobart Art Prize", Carnegie Gallery, Hobart, Tas

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COMMISSIONS

2004-2012 Private corporate commissions of sculptural pieces, as well as privately commissioned jewellery objects

AWARDS & GRANTS

2008 “Best Accessory” Debut - Fashion Exposed Trade Fair

2003 Skills and Arts Development Grant - Australia Council for the Arts

1997 “Top Exiting Student Award” - Monash University

“Gemmex Award” - Salamanca Arts Centre

1996 “Tool Traders Award” - Monash University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023 - Present Heide Museum of Modern Art
Art workshop facilitator

2022 - Present Village Art Studio - Workshop Space
Co-founder, workshop facilitator

2017 - Present Making Makers Studio
General manager, workshop facilitator

2016 - Present Donvale Primary School
Visual arts teacher (on leave)

2005 -2012 Debora De Stefanis Jewellery
Owner, designer and jeweller