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ARTIST STATEMENT

Inspiration comes from my lifelong interest in fashion design coinciding with my love of danish modern and minimalist forms and elements. Occasionally I incorporate components with a well worn, aged or antiquarian aesthetic. The combination creates a balance between my appetite for modernity and affection for ancestral relics. The unexpected compatibility between the three motivations allows me to explore and create exclusive heirloom works containing emotion, material appreciation and contemporary faddism.

Emotional inspiration for particular designs is derived from the role memories, both factual and dreamed, play within myself. Most often this concept is centered around sentiment and simple moments stuck in my mind's eye. At other times I will dig from my surrounding environments, both from beauty and consequence.

I work heavily in recycled sterling silver and copper. I very often incorporate vitreous enamel in my designs as a focal point, exclusive theme or as embellishment. I have used ebony and other rare species of wood, bezel setting them to showcase their natural artistry. Rose cut gemstones are my absolute favorite. As opaque semi precious stones, the faceting is subtly formal and unexpectedly romantic, adding a touch of vintage appeal. Feathers have created a space in my work in there own right, feminine and dramatic, they contrast beautifully with matted enamels and simple settings. They are at their best when barely brushing the collar bone, the tail of an earring easily moving when you turn your head. The materials I use and the designs I create combined with the personal experience of wearing my collection constantly allows me to state that the jewelry I create is flattering and comfortable, bold and yet completely accessible.

I strive to make jewelry and other art objects that will be passed on to subsequent generations, connecting the future wearer with the past from which it came. A simple and romantic tradition to connect ancestors over lifetimes. I hope to be the creator of such treasures while simultaneously challenging the limits of what jewelry and adornment can be.

BUSINESS MISSION

Copper Chameleon jewelry, designed and created by metals artist Brittany Søndberg, is made using unique enamels, stones, and responsibly sourced or 100% recycled precious metals. Custom work always available, wholesale orders and other adventurous opportunities sought constantly. All pieces are completely handcrafted in Greensboro, North Carolina. Copper Chameleon specializes in one of a kind designs that aspire to provoke individualism through the medium of jewelry and fashion design.

EDUCATION

East Carolina University - Greenville, NC
Professors within concentration: Linda Darty, Bob Ebendorf, Tim Lazure, Mi-Sook Hur
B.F.A., Metal Design - December 2004
G.P.A. : 3.4 Major; 3.0 Overall

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

Society of North American Goldsmiths
Lyndon Street Artworks Collaborative - Resident Artist - Greensboro, NC
Sawtooth School for Visual Arts - Instructor - Winston Salem, NC
Center for Visual Artists - Executive Board Member - Greensboro, NC
Center for Visual Artists - Exhibition Committee - Greensboro, NC

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

4/11 to present

Center for Visual Artists – Greensboro, NC

Instructor

I teach beginner jewelry fabrication and workshops throughout the year. Sessions are typically 5-9 students, held once a week for 6 weeks.

3/09 to present

Sawtooth School for Visual Arts - Winston-Salem, NC

Instructor

I teach beginner/intermediate jewelry fabrication and enameling workshops throughout the year. Sessions are typically 5-9 students, held once a week for 5 to 8 weeks.

10/08 to 8/11

Lyndon Street Artworks - Greensboro, NC

Resident Artist / Events Coordinator - Volunteer Position

In addition to participating in the Artworks Collaborative, I planned meetings, organized events and promoted LSA in the community. I focused on public relations and encouraging interest and enthusiasm for the collaborative.

10/08 to present

Copper Chameleon - Greensboro, NC

Business Owner / Metalsmith / Jewelry Designer

Since graduating in 2004 I have been steadily building my own business as a jewelry designer and metals artist. I am currently the sole proprietor of Copper Chameleon, contemporary handcrafted jewelry design.

GALLERIES/BOUTIQUES/EXCLUSIVE DESIGN WORK

Green Hill Center for NC Art - Greensboro, NC
Society for Contemporary Craft - Pittsburgh, PA
Splurges Boutique - Greensboro and Kernersville, NC

Epona and Oak - Raleigh, NC
Just Be - Greensboro, NC
Be Mom Couture - exclusive design work - Berlin, MD
Blue Pelican Gallery - Hatteras Island, NC
Quirk Gallery - Richmond, VA
Sawtooth Gallery - Winston Salem, NC
John Wright Store - Wrightsville, PA
The Collector's Gallery - Raleigh, NC

PAST GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

SNAG Student Slideshow - St. Petersburg, FL - March 2004 - juried
Senior Review Exhibit - Greenville, NC - December 2004
Schwa Show - Emerge Gallery - Greenville, NC - Spring 2005 - juried
Alumni Show - Gray Gallery - Greenville, NC - September 2006 - invitational
Venus X - The Globe - Berlin, MD - February 2007 - invitational
Freaks and Geeks - Ocean City, MD - May 2007 - invitational
The Fear inside - Ocean City, MD - October 2007 - invitational
Humanity Unveiled - The Globe - Berlin, MD - November 2007 - invitational
The Summer Show - Dimensions Gallery - Ocean City, MD - May 2008 - juried
Eros 5 - Lyndon Street Artworks - Greensboro, NC - February 2009 - invitational
Artista - Green Hill Center - Greensboro, NC - February 2009 - invitational
Jewelry in Motion - Philadelphia Museum of Art - Philadelphia, PA - May 2009 - juried
Charmed - Society for Contemporary Craft - Pittsburgh, PA - February 2010 - invitational
Artista 2 - Marshall Gallery - Greensboro, NC - February 2010 - invitational
John Skau's Wood: A Point of Departure - Greensboro, NC - March 2010 - invitational
Holiday Show - Tyler White Gallery - December 2010 - invitational
Eros 7 - Lyndon Street Artworks - Greensboro, NC - February 2011 - invitational
100 for 100 - Center for Visual Artists - Greensboro, NC - May 2011 - invitational benefit
Paper Planes - Center for Visual Artists - Greensboro, NC - June 2011 - invitational/experimental
Alumni Show - Gray Gallery - Greenville, NC - September 2011 - invitational
Radical Alchemy - Courthouse Galleries - Portsmouth, VA - September 2011 - juried
Piedmont Craftsmen Show - Winston Salem, NC - November 2011 - juried
Center for Visual Artists Holiday Show - Greensboro, NC - December 2011 - invitational
Art to Wear - Winston-Salem, NC - Feb 2012 - invitational

ART SHOWS/SALES AND MARKETS

Private Trunk Show - Crofton, MD - August 2009
Annual yART Show - Bethany Beach, DE - September 2009
Crofton Craft Fair - Crofton, MD - September 2009
First Friday at Lyndon Street Artworks - Greensboro, NC - November 2009
Shop Local Fair - Greensboro, NC - November 2009
Festival of Lights - Kress Building - Downtown Greensboro, NC - December 2009
First Friday at Lyndon Street Artworks, Studio W - Greensboro, NC - March 2010
Private Trunk Show - Arlington, VA - April 2010
Private Trunk Show - Bishopville, MD - May 2010

Shop Local Fair - Greensboro, NC - May 2010
Artscape - Baltimore, MD - July 2010
Annual yART Show - Bethany Beach, DE - September 2010
Shop Local Fair - Greensboro, NC - November 2010
First Friday at Lyndon Street Artworks, Studio H - Greensboro, NC - November 2010
Festival of Lights - Empire Ballrooms - Downtown Greensboro, NC - December 2010
First Friday at Lyndon Street Artworks, Studio H - Greensboro, NC - January 2011
First Friday at Lyndon Street Artworks, Studio H - Greensboro, NC - February 2011
Dogwood Festival - Farmville, NC - April 2011
First Friday at Lyndon Street Artworks, Studio H - Greensboro, NC - June 2011
Annual yArt Show - Bethany Beach, DE - September 2011
Piedmont Craftsmen Show - Winston Salem, NC - November 2011 - juried
Private Trunk Show - Crownsville, MD - December 2011
Private Trunk Show - Berlin, MD - December 2011

PRESS

Good Clean Fun Life Website, Artist Spotlight - 2008
News and Record - Sunday March 8th, 2009
Coastal Style Magazine - September/October 2009
Recyclebill's Squarespace Blog - February 2010
Good Clean Fun Life Website, Artist Spotlight - 2011