**KATE BAJIC**

British jeweller Kate Bajic has over 20 years’ experience exhibiting her work in galleries and at exhibitions throughout the UK, Europe and the USA.

She uses the countryside around her Leicestershire home as inspiration for her beautiful contemporary jewellery, in particular the varied textures and forms found in lichen. Through photography, sample collection and drawing, Kate examines their minute complexity and translates aspects of this into her work. She handcrafts pieces using mainly sterling silver, texturing, patinating, or pairing pieces with unusual semi-precious stones or lustrous baroque pearls. Designs evolve through experimenting with layering, composition and playing with contrasting colours and forms. Kate can also be commissioned to work in gold.

**Education:**

Sept 2013 - Sept 2014 Loughborough University School of Art and Design Art & Design MA (Dist)

Sept 2000 - June 2003 Loughborough University School of Art and Design Silversmithing/Jewellery BA (Hons)

**Current / recent employment:**

Oct 07 - Sept 08 Coventry University School of Art & Design Visiting lecturer P/T

Nov 14 – Jun 15 Loughborough University School of Art and Design 3D Design BA, lecturer (p/t)

Feb 11 – present Attenborough Arts Centre, Leicester University Self-employed adult ed tutor

**Funding / Awards:**

Design Factory Funding for Origin 2007 Awarded Aug 2007

UKTI export award Funding for export research Awarded Oct 2006

Arts Council England ‘Grants for the Arts’ Awarded July 2006

Crafts Council & UKTI Trade Mission to NYIGF 27th - 31st Jan 2006

**Solo Exhibitions:**

Develop Practice, National Centre for Craft & Design, Lincolnshire 8th July – 3 rd. Sept 2017

Lichenology, NCCD touring exhibition, Royal Botanic Garden

Edinburgh, 12th Feb – 15th May 2016

‘Kate Bajic, Lichenology’ National Centre for Craft & Design, Lincolnshire 14th Feb – 29th March 2015

**Selected upcoming and past Exhibitions:**

Goldsmiths' Fair, Week 1, Goldsmiths' Hall, London, 25th September - 1st October 2023

Summer showcase, Bircham Gallery, Holt, Norfolk, 24th June - 19th July 2023 Summer showcase, Studio Vault, Settle, Yorkshire, 17th May - 17th August 2023 Uncommon Beauty, Craft in the Bay, Cardiff, April 1st - May 29th, 2023, Translating Nature, DN Nottingham group exhibition, The Hub, Sleaford, March 18th - April 30th, 2023

Bejewelled Beasties, Gill Wing Jewellery, Islington, London, March-April 2023 Messages and Meanings, ACJ 25th anniversary Touring exhibition, 30th April 2022 - 18th June 2023

Goldsmiths' Fair, Week 1, Goldsmiths' Hall, London, Sept 27th - Oct 2nd, 2022, Autumn Craft Collection, New Ashgate Gallery, Farnham, Surrey, Sept 3rd - Nov 5th, 2022

Coastal exhibition, Byard Art, Cambridge, May 26th - June 26th, 2022

COLLECT International Art Fair, Design Nation, Somerset House, London, February 25th - 27th 2022.

Digital Craft Festival, online event, November 13th-14th 2021 A Little Lustre, Lakeside Art Centre, Nottingham, 5th - 7th November 2021 London Craft Week, Design Nation, online event, 4th - 10th October 2021

Elements Festival of Jewellery 1st September - 30th November 2021

DAZZLE Edinburgh, 6th - 29th August 2021 Great Northern Contemporary Craft Fair (GNCCF), online, 17th - 18th July 2021

The Earring Show, Craft Council of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, May - June 2021

COLLECT International Art Fair, Design Nation, Crafts Council online event, 26th February – 2nd March 2021

Elements (Online Event for 2020), 6th - 8th Nov 2020

Jewellery showcase, Open Eye Gallery, Edinburgh, 2nd – 26th October 2020 Precious Places, Precious Things, ALLIAGES, Lille, France, 12th September - 5th December 2020

Curated by. Lacy Barry, AA Collected Gallery, Berlin, 11th March – 30th May 2020

Pattern & Sequence, Design Nation Showcase, NCCD, 19th Oct - 5th Jan 2020 SIERAAD Jewellery Art Fair, Amsterdam, 7th – 10th November 2019

MADE London, One Marylebone, London, 24th– 27th October 2019

Tales of the Subconscious, Gill Wing Jewellery, London, 4th October – 6th November 2019

MADE London, One Marylebone, London, 18th – 21st October 2018 Equinox, Bluecoat Display Centre, Liverpool, 10th March – 21st April 2018

Handmade at Kew, Kew Gardens, London, 12th – 15th October 2017

Branching Out, The Craft Centre & Design Gallery, Leeds, 18th March – 24th June 2017 LOOT 2017,

Museum of Arts and Design, New York, 3rd – 8th April 2017

**Membership Details:**

Association of Contemporary Jewellery (www.acj.org.uk) Crafts Council Directory (www.craftscouncil.org.uk/directory) Design Nation (www.designnation.co.uk Precious Collective (www.preciouscollective.com