



LAURA BLANC

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EDUCATION

- 2009 **RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN, RISD, PROVIDENCE, RI**
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Jewelry & Metalsmithing
RISD Merit Scholarship
Honor Student
- 2008 **HOCHSCHULE PFORZHEIM, PFORZHEIM, GERMANY**
Study abroad experience with coursework in jewelry design, technique, & alternative materials
Baden - Württemberg Stipendium funding for study
- 2005 **CONARD HIGH SCHOOL, WEST HARTFORD, CT**
High School Diploma with honors
National Honor Society

JEWELRY INTERNSHIP

- 2009 **JENNACA DAVIES STUDIO, FALL RIVER, MA**
Intern to Jennaca Davies; assisted with the design & fabrication of a collection of work for the 2009 Baltimore ACC Craft Show. Gained experience in small-scale production work including fabrication, bench skills, enamel, electroforming, casting, & using industry resources. Also learned methods for effectively running a studio, making business decisions, & dealing with galleries.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2009 + **J. H. BREAKELL & CO., NEWPORT, RI**
Full time bench jeweler for long-standing local company; fabrication, contribution of designs; model making.
- 2009 + **JOHAN VAN ASWEGEN, PROVIDENCE, RI**
Assistant jeweler aiding in the design & fabrication of pieces; using techniques such as CAD/CAM & hand fabrication.
- 2008 + **LAURA BLANC JEWELRY, WWW.LBLANC.COM, USA**
Owner/designer
- 2009 **BARBARA SEIDENATH, PROVIDENCE, RI**
Assisting in the translation of design from sketch to CAD model to wax model for larger-scale production of a project for the Women & Infants Hospital.
- 2001 + **FREELANCE JEWELRY AND GRAPHIC DESIGN COMMISSIONS**
Design & produce commission jewelry pieces, logos, photography, & business cards. Selected clients include: Matthew Heitz, Accents Gallery, Jessica Burke, PM David.
- 2007 - 09 **BLANCO Y ORO DESIGNS, WEST HARTFORD, CT**
Business partner & co-designer in wholesale/retail company. Designed collection of jewelry for spring 2008 to be represented and sold in Los Angeles, CA. Also responsible for the design of logo, business cards. Selected clients include: Clouds Gallery, Bella, Accents Gallery.
- 2002 - 08 **THE BEADOIR INC., WEST HARTFORD, CT**
Assist customers, teach classes, private events, repair customer jewelry, create commission works. Also design & fabricate pieces for sale in store, responsible for orders/inventory, promotional materials, & photography.
- 2008 - 09 **TEACHING AND RELATED EXPERIENCE**
INTRODUCTION TO JEWELRY, RISD CONTINUING EDUCATION, PROVIDENCE, RI
Teaching Assistant to Jennaca Davies for three semesters, responsible for preparing demonstrations, assisting students, & answering questions.
- 2009 **DESIGN NATURE, RISD CONTINUING EDUCATION, PROVIDENCE, RI**
Teaching Assistant to Jennaca Davies for jewelry class focusing on drawing design sources from nature & unconventional materials.
- 2007 - 09 **JEWELRY AND METALSMITHING DEPARTMENT, RISD, PROVIDENCE, RI**
Studio monitor: responsible for supervising students, being available for technical questions and help, opening & closing studio, maintaining safe work area, & replenishing supplies as needed.
- 2007 **INTRODUCTION TO JEWELRY, RISD SUMMER STUDIES, PROVIDENCE, RI**
Teaching Assistant to Johan Van Aswegen, responsible for preparing demonstrations, answering student questions, & advising design/troubleshooting.

SKILLS

JEWELRY

Silver & gold fabrication, forging, casting, mold making, resins, stone cutting, enameling, stone-setting, electroforming, wax carving, knowledge & familiarity with industry processes.

COMPUTER

Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Rhino, ArtCam, CNC milling, BB Edit, XHTML & CSS coding, Office suite, general word processing.

ART & DESIGN

Photography darkroom skills, bw/color film processing, slide processing, drawing, painting, ceramic sculpture, stained glass fabrication, very skilled with design, rendering & technical drawing - both hand & computer.

PERSONAL

Conversational & intermediate written French, conversational & basic written German, organized, time efficient, resourceful, willingness to learn, good at problem-solving, excellent team member, strong attention to detail.

EXHIBITIONS

- 2009 **OAKLAND ART GALLERY**, OAKLAND, CA
Surfacing, the 8th International Juried Student Exhibition, sponsored by the Enamelist Society
- 2009 **WOODS GERRY GALLERY**, PROVIDENCE, RI
Senior Invitational Show
- 2009 **RISD | WORKS**, RISD MUSEUM, PROVIDENCE, RI
Up and Coming and Going
- 2009 **COLLECTION 2009**, PROVIDENCE, RI
RISD Apparel runway show; collaboration with Jessica Burke and Megumi Doi for thesis collection
- 2009 **GALLERY LOUPE**, MONTCLAIR, NJ
Collective exhibition with fellow RISD jewelry and metalsmithing department 2009 graduates
- 2009 **WOODS GERRY GALLERY**, PROVIDENCE, RI
4 x 4 : Senior Jewelry and Metalsmithing Degree Project Exhibition
- 2009 **CARR HAUS GALLERY**, PROVIDENCE, RI
Senior Jewelry Show
- 2008 **HOCHSCHULE PFORZHEIM**, PFORZHEIM, GERMANY
Werkschau
- 2008 **SCHMUCKMUSEUM PFORZHEIM**, PFORZHEIM, GERMANY
Museum Intervention
- 2008 **BEATRICE LANG GALLERIE FÜR SCHMUCK**, BERN, SWITZERLAND
Aus jedem Land Ein Souvenir
- 2008 **RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN**, PROVIDENCE, RI
Delivering Authenticity
- 2006 **WOODS GERRY GALLERY**, PROVIDENCE, RI
Jewelry and Metalsmithing Department Triennial Exhibition
- 2006 **WOODS GERRY GALLERY**, PROVIDENCE, RI
Foundation Studies Juried Show
- 2005 - 06 **CENTER SQUEEZE CAFE AND GALLERY**, WEST HARTFORD, CT
Exhibition of photography
- 2005 **SALTBOX AND CLUBHOUSE GALLERIES**, WEST HARTFORD, CT
Artbeat Student Exhibition
- 2005 **SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS**, CT
Gold Key Portfolio in photography
Gold Key ceramic vessel
- 2004 **SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS**, CT
Gold Key ceramic sculpture