

# SASHA SAMUELS

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## PROFILE

Designer goldsmith, jeweler, painter, entrepreneur, and mixed media artist.

## EDUCATION AND APPRENTICESHIPS

Rhode Island School of Design, Department of Jewelry and Light Metals,  
BFA with Honors, Providence RI, 1982–1985

European Honors Program, Rhode Island School of Design, Rome Italy,  
Jewelry and Light Metals, 1984–1985

Tom Byrne, Florence Italy, Sight-size drawing, plein air oil painting, 2022

Susan Ball, Nova Scotia Canada, Abuse Recovery Coach certification, 2021

National Institute for the Clinical Application of Behavioral Medicine, Storrs  
CT, Trauma recovery workshops, 2020, 2021

Dr. Rick Hansen, Berkeley CA, Positive Neuroplasticity Training, 2019–2020

Coeleen Kiebert, Rio del Mar CA, Sculpture, collage, Jungian Psychology,  
Art Therapy, 2019–2021

Marc Northstar, Palo Alto CA, Abstract painting, 2017

Sr. Paolo Marinari, Lippiano Italy, Blacksmithing, 2016

Sr. Antonino Stilla, Naples Italy, Bas-relief sculpture, 2009–2015

Aimee Erickson, Portland, OR, Multnomah Art Center, private studio, Oil  
painting, 2012, 2013

Arvie Smith, Pacific Northwest College of Arts and private studio, Figure  
painting, 1995–2005

Julie Rauschenberger, Seattle WA, Ancient Etruscan gold fusion, 1998

Sr. Bruno Lastrucci, Florence Italy, Florentine stone mosaic, 1997

Hipbone Studio, Portland OR, Anatomical drawing, 1986–1988

Oregon College of Arts and Crafts, Portland OR, 1987–1990, Jewelry  
rendering, lapidary

Master enamelist to the Vatican, Rome Italy, enameling, 1985

Eddie Samuels, Sculpture, painting, jewelry, New York NY, 1974–1980,  
Jemez Springs NM, 1987–1994, Arezzo Italy, 2006

## **AWARDS**

**Featured Artist Award, Los Altos Fine Art in the Park, Los Altos CA, 2024**  
**Juror's Choice Award, Los Altos Fine Art in the Park, Los Altos CA, 2023**  
**Best of Show, Menlo Summer Fest, Menlo Park CA, 2017, 2018, 2019**  
**Juror's Award, Los Altos Festival of the Arts, Los Altos CA, 2017**  
**International Award, The Contemporary Etruscan Jewel, Museo Archeologico Nazionale, Pontecagnano Faiano, Salerno Italy, 2012**  
**Best of Show, Sun Valley Festival of the Arts, Ketchum ID, 2008**  
**Juror Award, Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts, Lake Oswego OR, 2007**  
**First Place Jewelry, Portland Arts Festival, Portland OR, 1998, 2001, 2006**  
**National Winner, Ring Category, Lapidary Journal's Jewelry Arts Competition, United States 2002**  
**Grand Prize, American Jewelry Design Council's National New Talent Award, Jewelers of America International Jewelry Show, New York NY, 2001**  
**Golden Apple Award for Allure (out of 2500 exhibitors), Jewelers of America, New York NY, 2001**  
**Best of Show, Creative Metal Arts Guild, Portland OR, 1998, 1999, 2000**  
**First Place, 30th Annual Associated Arts of Ocean Shores, Ocean Shores WA, 1999**  
**Best New Designer, Oregon State Jewelers Association, OR, 1999**  
**Best of Show, Portland Arts Festival, Portland OR, 1999**  
**Second Prize, American Jewelry Design Council's New Talent Contest, Jewelers of America International Jewelry Show, New York NY, 1999**  
**Award for Excellence, Bellevue Art Museum Fair, Bellevue WA, 1999**  
**People's Choice Award, National Pearl Jewelry Exhibition, Eugene OR, 1992**  
**European Honors Student, Rhode Island School of Design, Rome Italy, 1984-1985**  
**Rhode Island School of Design Alumni Scholarship, 1983-1984**  
**Jewelry and Light Metals Scholarship, Rhode Island School of Design, 1982-1983**  
**Johnson-Matthey Scholarship, 1982-1983**  
**Inductee, Honor Society, Rhode Island School of Design, 1982-1985**

## **PRIVATE COLLECTIONS (SELECTED)**

**Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward, Westchester NY**

**George C. Firestone, Tallahassee FL**

**Mary Shirley, Seattle WA**

**Katie Gibson, Carmel CA**

## **SHOWS AND FEATURES (SELECTED)**

**Return Home – Lola Costa, Il Palmerino artist residency, Florence Italy 2024**

**Unconnected Yet, Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata India and Lorne**

**Community Connect, Victoria Australia, 2023**

**Post Ranch Inn Gallery and Mercantile, Big Sur CA, 2016–Present**

**Palo Alto Festival of the Arts, Palo Alto CA 2022-2024**

**Los Altos Fine Art in the Park, Los Altos CA 2019-2024**

**Los Altos Arts and Wine Festival, Los Altos CA 2014-2024**

**Filoli Art Walk, Woodside CA 2020-2024**

**Idea FabLabs, Santa Cruz CA, 2017–2019**

**Menlo Summer Fest, Menlo Park CA, 2015–2017**

**American Craft Council, San Francisco CA, 2015–2017**

**Galleria d' Arte del Mosaico di Lastrucci, Florence Italy, 2013**

**Museo Archeologico Nazionale, Pontecagnano Faiano, Salerno Italy, 2012**

**Sharon Amber Gallery, Cannon Beach OR, 2010–2011**

**Sun Valley Festival of the Arts, Ketchum ID, 2008–2009**

**Edmonds Arts Festival, Edmonds WA, 2008**

**Bellevue Art Museum Fair, Bellevue WA, 1995–1997**

**A is for Artists Gallery, Bainbridge Island WA, 2007**

**Portland Art Festival, Portland OR, 1998–2006**

**Miami Festival of the Arts, Miami FL, 2006**

**Art on the Green, Coeur d'Alene ID, 2006**

**Salem Art Fair and Festival, Salem OR, 2004–2006**

**Art in the Pearl, Portland OR, 2003, 2005**

**The Jewel, Sisters OR, 1995–2005**

**Couture Jewelry Collection and Conference, Phoenix AZ, 2002**

**Buyers Market of American Craft, Philadelphia PA, 2002**

**Kane Marie Fine Arts Gallery, Virginia Beach VA, 2002**

**Design Center–JCK Las Vegas, Las Vegas NV, 2002**

**Jewelers of America International Jewelry Show, New York NY, 2001**

**Romancing the Stone, Santa Fe NM, 2001**

**Creative Metal Arts Guild, Portland OR, 1995–2000**

**Joanne Rapp Gallery, Scottsdale AZ, 2000**

**Gioielli Ugolini, Florence Italy, 1997**

**Contemporary Crafts Gallery, Portland OR, 1995**

Blackfish Gallery, Portland OR, 1992  
Samuels Gallery, Portland OR, 1986–1991  
Saks Fifth Avenue, Portland OR, 1990  
Ornaments, Santa Fe NM, 1990  
Aaron Faber Gallery, New York NY, 1990  
North View Gallery, Portland Community College, Portland OR, 1987  
Elements Gallery, Greenwich CT, 1985  
Woods-Gerry, Providence RI, 1985  
Cenci Palace, Rome Italy, 1984–1985  
Monmouth Museum, Lincroft NJ, 1984  
Four-Play in 3-D, Cyclorama, Boston MA, 1983  
Equine Art Gallery, Portland OR, 1989–1990  
Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, Portland OR, 1990

**PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES (SELECTED)**

*Suspilne National Television*, Ukraine, 2023  
*Suspilne Community News Pershyi Zahidnyi*, Lviv Ukraine, 2023  
*We Are Ukraine National Television*, Ukraine, 2023  
*We Are Ukraine Community Television*, Lviv Ukraine, 2023  
“A’s Alchemy” (poem by SS concerning Artemisia Gentileschi), *Oltrarno Gaze*, Florentine Press, Florence Italy, 2022  
*Gentry*, Menlo Park CA, 2016  
*Lapidary Journal*, Fort Collins CO, August 2000, June, August 2001, May 2002, May 2003, December 2008  
*500 Wedding Rings*, Lark Books, New York NY, 2007  
*500 Rings*, Lark Books, New York NY, 2006  
*500 Earrings*, Lark Books, New York NY, 2005  
*Oregon Focus Magazine*, Portland OR, 2003  
*Dish Magazine*, New York NY, 2003  
*KOAC 89.7 FM Radio*, Portland OR, 2003  
*Bridal Guide Magazine*, New York NY, March/April and July/August 2002, March/April and May/June 2003  
*Modern Jeweler Magazine*, Madison WI, April 2002, April 2003  
*Niche Magazine*, Sacramento CA, Spring 2000, Spring 2003  
*Basel Magazine*, Basel Switzerland, January 2002  
*Luxury International*, Spring 2002  
*JQ (Jewelers’ Quarterly)*, Sonoma CA, 2002  
*Rj Magazine*, London England, July 2002  
*Jewelry Connoisseur*, New York NY, Summer 2002  
*Oregon Art Beat*, Oregon PBS Television, Portland OR, November 2002  
*Instore Magazine*, New York NY, April, October, and December 2002  
*KPAM AM 860 Radio*, Portland OR, 2002

*WXII 12 Television, Raleigh NC, 2002*  
*World Gold Council's Couture Catalog, New York NY, 2002*  
*National Jeweler Magazine, New York NY, 2002*  
*Flair Magazine, Stroudsburg PA, 2002*  
*Couture International Jeweler, Geneva Switzerland, June/July 2001*  
*Professional Jeweler Magazine, New York NY, July 2001*  
*Jewelers Circular Keystone, New York NY, June, September, December 2001*  
*AJM Magazine, Providence RI, May 2001*  
*Business Journal, Portland OR, 2000*  
*Women's Journal, Portland OR, 2000*  
*The Pearl Book, GemStone Press, Woodstock VT, 1996*  
*The Oregonian, Portland OR, 1990*  
*Conquistador Magazine, USA, 1989*  
*Arabian Horse World, Templeton CA, 1988*  
*Chronicle of the Horse, Middleberg VA, 1983, 1984*

#### **AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

*Idea FabLabs, Santa Cruz CA, 2017–2018*  
*Pacific Art League, Palo Alto CA, 2017–2019*  
*American Crafts Council, Minneapolis MN, 2014–2017*  
*AVAAZ International, 2012–present*  
*Consciousness Hacking, Silicon Valley CA, 2012–2014*  
*Oregon Construction Contractors' Board Member, Salem OR, 2007*  
*International Cultic Studies Association, Bonita Spring FL, 2000–present*  
*Women's Jewelry Association, United States, 1990–2002*  
*Contemporary Design Group, Unites States, 1990–2002*  
*Portland Institute for Contemporary Art, Portland OR, 1995–1998*

#### **PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFIT SERVICE**

*Proposed and co-curated *Amidst Cries from the Rubble: Art of Loss and Resilience from Ukraine*, an exhibition of contemporary Ukrainian trench art, Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe NM 2024-2025*  
*Sasha Samuels, chief designer Sasha Samuels Artist + Designer,*  
*Contemporary jewelry and object design, master goldsmith, painter, sculptor, mixed media artist, Portland OR 1990 to present, Italy (Rome, Arezzo, Naples and Florence) 1990 to present, Silicon Valley CA 2013 to present.*  
*Personal humanitarian mission to Ukraine, painted and gifted portraits to defenders recovering from battle injuries, Lviv Ukraine 2023*  
*Avanti Retreat, co-hosted abuse recovery workshop for women, Tuscany Italy 2023*

**Private fundraiser, World Central Kitchen Ukrainian refugee relief efforts,  
Mill Valley CA, 2022, Redwood City CA 2022**

**National COVID Frontline Worker Award (Creator), 2020**

**Menlo Charity Horse Show (Executive Producer of two fundraising films  
benefitting Vista Center for the Blind) Atherton CA 2014, 2015; Art  
Director for gala auction dinner, 2014**

**International Cultic Studies Association, Annual International Conference,  
Trieste Italy, Contributed Lecture, 2000**

**Artisanal Wine Sellers, Newberg OR, Wine label illustration, 2008**

**Renovated and sold homes, Portland OR, 2006, 2007 and Corrales NM,  
2019**

### **LANGUAGES**

**English, Fluent**

**Italian, Fluent spoken, intermediate reading/writing**

**Spanish, Intermediate spoken, intermediate reading/writing**