





## Artist Statement

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The work I do as an artist always has some deeper or hidden meaning. Whether it is obvious or not really depends on the piece. Some rely directly on text to hint at the meaning behind the piece. In others, the meaning may be represented by a stone, a shape or a number. I find that I become more invested in my work when it represents someone or something special to me. For example, "Love Your Sunshine" is a ring that I made for my mom. The ruby is being held by the silver-- it is being hugged by it, just like my mom hugs me and holds me close. The ruby is also symbolic. Rubies represent love, passion, courage and emotion, all qualities that I see in my mom.

Personal investment is a huge part of why I make art. This is why I find myself attracted to the field of jewelry. Jewelry is so personal, not only is it worn on one's body, but it can also say so much about the wearer to whoever takes the time to notice it. My rings "A Sea Apart" are representative of me and my best friend, who is in the Navy. There are abstracted silhouettes of an anchor and an arrow. The anchor represents my best friend not only because she is in the Navy, but also is a symbol of the sorority she is in just like the arrow is representative of my sorority. These details no one would know unless they took time to notice the small silver rings and ask about them. Only then would they find the deeper meaning behind my work.

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Media</u>	<u>Original Format</u>
<b>Figure 1:</b>	Well Guarded	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	1in. x1.5in. On 16in. cord. Sterling Silver, Red Brass, Copper, leather cord, .45 Caliber Bullet
<b>Figure 2:</b>	Well Guarded, open view	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	*same as previous
<b>Figure 3:</b>	Reliquary	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	3in. x .5in. x .5in. Brass, Sterling Silver, Shotgun Shell Plastic Casing, Paper Clip, Plastic Bead
<b>Figure 4:</b>	Reliquary, open	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	*same as previous
<b>Figure 5:</b>	Reliquary, open view2	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	*same as previous
<b>Figure 6:</b>	Strength and Beauty	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	Lariat necklace 1in. Pendants, 32in. woven chain. Sterling Silver, Fine Silver, Enamel, 4mm Opal
<b>Figure 7:</b>	Fearless	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	Cuff bracelet. Sterling silver, Copper
<b>Figure 8:</b>	Fearless, view 2	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	*same as previous
<b>Figure 9:</b>	A Sea Apart	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	Set of two rings. Sterling Silver
<b>Figure 10:</b>	Legacy	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	Two pair set of earrings, on display. Sterling Silver, Copper, 4mm Opal
<b>Figure 11:</b>	Somnium Annulos,	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	Capstone ring series
<b>Figure 12:</b>	Somnium Annulos, view 2.	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	Capstone ring series
<b>Figure 13:</b>	Little's Love, Love Little Miss Magic, Me Myself and I, Love Your Sunshine, Little's Love	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	Sterling Silver, 3mm Alexandrite, Walnut Wood, 2c Blue Topaz, 3mm Garnett, 3mm Ruby

<b>Figure 14:</b>	Little's Love	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	Set of two rings. Sterling Silver, 3mm Alexandrite
<b>Figure 15:</b>	Love Little Miss Magic	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	Ring. Sterling Silver, Walnut Wood
<b>Figure 16:</b>	Me, Myself, and I	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	Ring. Sterling Silver, 2c Blue Topaz, 3mm Garnett
<b>Figure 17:</b>	Me, Myself, and I, view 2	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	*same as previous
<b>Figure 18:</b>	Me, Myself, and I, view 3	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	*same as previous
<b>Figure 19:</b>	Love Your Sunshine	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	Sterling Silver, 3mm Ruby
<b>Figure 20:</b>	Friendship, Mt. Colorado, Philippians 4:13, and Little Arrow	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	Rings. Sterling silver, 3mm Garnett, 4mm, Black Star Sapphire, 3mm Alexandrite, 3mm Freshwater Pink Pearl, 3mm Sapphire
<b>Figure 21:</b>	Mt. Colorado	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	Ring. Sterling Silver, 4mm Black Star Sapphire, 3mm Alexandrite
<b>Figure 22:</b>	Mt. Colorado, view 2	Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	*same as previous





**Figure 1: Well Guarded**





**Figure 2: Well Guarded, open view**





**Figure 3: Reliquary**





**Figure 4: Reliquary, open**





Figure 5: Reliquary, open view 2





**Figure 6: Strength and Beauty**





Figure 7: Fearless





**Figure 8: Fearless, view 2**





**Figure 9: A Sea Apart, set of two rings**





Figure 10: Legacy, on display





Figure 11: Somnium Annulos, capstone ring series





Figure 12: Somnium Annulos, capstone ring series, view 2





**Figure 13: Littles Love, Love Little Miss Magic, Me Myself and I, Love Your Sunshine, and Littles Love**





**Figure 14: Little's Love, set of two rings**





**Figure 15: Love Little Miss Magic**





**Figure 16: Me, Myself, and I**





Figure 17: Me, Myself, and I, view 2





Figure 18: Me, Myself, and I, view 3





**Figure 19: Love Your Sunshine**





**Figure 20: Friendship, Mt. Colorado, Philippians 4:13, and Little Arrow**





**Figure 21: Mt. Colorado**



**Figure 22: Mt. Colorado, view 2**