

Amy Mackay - Amy C Mackay Jewellery



"The people who have created a business doing something that they enjoy and love have inspired me to go on and open my own business."

Amy Mackay grew up in Muir of Ord and attended Dingwall Academy. She studied at the Leith School of Art in Edinburgh, and later the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design in Dundee. Though she has always enjoyed making things, it was in Dundee that she discovered a real passion for her craft and graduated with BA (Hons) Jewellery and Metal Design. She went on to become an artist in residence at the Glasgow School of Art, where she worked alongside some of the country's top jewellery makers, refined her collection and exhibited at some of the UK's most prestigious galleries.

The inspiration for her work primarily comes from natural environment. Therefore it is little wonder that the beautiful Highland scenery proves invaluable to her. It has played a huge part in shaping her creations and is continually filtered into her work through ideas she takes from trees, plants, and the countryside. Amy conveys the beauty and intricacy of nature using precious and semi-precious materials such as silver and gold, creating both jewellery and decorative objects. Her involvement in the process of development and creation means that each final piece is intrinsically linked back to her as the maker.

After a number of years making pieces and selling them to other galleries, Amy opened her own shop and studio in 2009 - Amy C Mackay Jewellery. Opening a shop had long been a dream of hers and she chose Beaulieu as the ideal location. It is a hub of activity for other businesses which complement what she does, and provided her with the ideal place to offer something different and exciting. In addition to selling the pieces she makes, Amy carefully sources items and collections from across the UK and overseas.

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