

# McKenna Weinbaum *Metalsmith, Jeweler, Entrepreneur*

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## EDUCATION

**University of Georgia**, Lamar Dodd School of Art — Athens, GA *Bachelor of Fine Arts* | Jewelry and Metalwork Emphasis  
(Aug 2022 - May 2026) HOPE Scholarship

**UGA Cortona Study Abroad** — Cortona, Italy  
Jewelry & Metals, Ceramics, and Art History — (Summer 2025)  
Directed Study with Alexis Spina

## EXHIBITS & FEATURES

*Everything Now Capstone Exhibition* – Lamar Dodd School of Art | Spring 2026  
*La Mostra* — Cortona, Italy | Summer 2025  
**SNAG Student Slideshow 2024** — Society of North American Goldsmiths  
**The Art and Music Project (The AMP)** — Athens, GA | Spring 2025  
*Reclaimed Exhibition* — Dondoro's Kitchen, Athens | Spring 2024  
**Thomas Street Art Complex Open Studios** — Athens, GA | 2023–2026

## STOREFRONT FEATURES

**Ann Peden Jewelry, Athens, GA** — Consignment Artist (2023)  
**Aurum Studios, Athens, GA** — Consignment and Represented Artist (2024–2026)

## ARTIST MARKETS, FESTIVALS, CONCERTS

Indie South's Annual *Holiday Hooray & Springtacular* (2023, 2024) — Vendor  
Authentic Brewing *Ghosts & Ghouls* Halloween Market (2025) — Vendor  
Georgia Museum of Art (GMOA) Stan Mullins Art Studio (2023) — Vendor  
*Dead & Co.* Tour (Summer 2022) — Traveling Artisan Pop-up on Shakedown Street  
Underground ATL (Summer 2023) — Vendor  
Lamar Dodd Fall & Spring Markets (2023 - 2025) — Featured Student Artist & Vendor  
Stilwell Casting Holiday Market (Winter 2023 & 2024) — Featured Actress and Artist Vendor  
ATL Aerial Community Artist Fair (2022) — Featured Aerialist Performer & Vendor

Additional markets: Authentic Brewery Markets (2025-ongoing), Misfit Merchant Market (2024), Dunwoody Butterfly Festival (2023), Cryptic Creatives (2023), Atlanta Artisans Market (2022), ATL Actors Solidarity Brunch (2024), Westside Farmers Market (2022), Little Kings Shuffle Club (2024 & 2025), Market Hugs (2024), Athens Dream Club (2025), Creature Comforts (2024), Young Linguist Academy (2022), Dunwoody Farmers & Artisan Markets (2021 - 2023), After-Glo *Earthday Everyday* Festival (2023), *The Sensationalist* Frosty Athens Fair (2024)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Live Beyond Limitation** — Athens, GA | 2020-Present  
Founder, Designer, Creator of original metalwork and mixed-media jewelry

Manage Etsy storefront, marketing, packaging, and photography  
coordinate inventory for markets and vendor events

**Directed Study & Assistant to Alexis Spina** — *Cortona, Italy | Summer 2025*

Researched and focused on Etruscan filigree and granulation while working with lost-wax casting and fabrication. Assisted in studio instruction.

**Studio Assistant to Mary Pearse** — *Athens, GA | Fall 2025* Assisted in Cuttlefish Casting class with technical demonstrations, hands-on casting with students, set up and clean up

**UGA Blacksmithing Club** — *Athens, GA | Forging Instructor 2025–2026*

Led introductory and advanced forging and hammering demonstrations with ferrous and non-ferrous metal

**Nanosatellite Building Project, UGA Engineering Satellite Center** — *Athens, GA | 2025*

served as anodizing consultant to engineering students designing nanosatellite frames

**Metalwork Studio Monitor, UGA Jewelry & Metalwork** — *Athens, GA | 2023–Present*

maintained safety and equipment organization in communal metal studio, provided peer assistance in soldering, enameling, and fabrication processes

## MEMBERSHIPS

**Phi Beata Heata** – 2023–present

**Society of North American Goldsmiths (SNAG)** – 2025–present

**Athens Metal Arts Guild** – 2026

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Physical Skills:** Fabrication, Blacksmithing, Soldering, Silversmithing, Enameling (Cloissoné, Champlevé), Lost-Wax & Cuttlefish Casting, Filigree & Granulation, Chasing & Repoussé, Plasma Cutting, Stone-Setting, Electroplating, MIG Welding, micro-tig welding

**Digital Tools:** Rhino 3D, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, Lightroom

**Languages:** English (Fluent), Mandarin Chinese (Beginner)