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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

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

Athentic 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: Athentic 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 FYOS class with technical demos, hands-on casting with students, set up and clean up

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

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

EXHIBITS & FEATURES

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*

MEMBERSHIPS

Phi Beata Heata — Member, 2023—Present

Society of North American Goldsmiths (SNAG) — Member, 2025—Present

Athens Metal Arts Guild – Member, 2026—Present

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, Wire-Wrapping

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

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