

FIVE

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FIVE AT COLLECT INTERNATIONAL ART FAIR 2023



After a hugely successful launch last year, FIVE returns to the Collect International Art Fair 2023 with 'Conversations in Silver & Metal' supported by Goldsmiths' Fair.

FIVE will be showcasing silver in a contemporary interior setting at Collect to continue its collective interest in expressing dynamic visual conversations about metal and its place in contemporary interior spaces. For Collect 2023, FIVE has developed an exciting partnership with celebrated British furniture designer Tom Faulkner to display FIVE's new body of work on the company's distinctive furniture and showcase silver in an interior environment.

New also for this year is a series of wall pieces and beakers created by the collective that will be exhibited across both the FIVE stand and the Goldsmiths' Fair stands.

This year, FIVE comprises UK based silversmiths Angela Cork, Jessica Jue, Ane Christensen, Hamish Dobbie and Sheng Zhang. The group is a diverse mix of exciting emerging and established makers that represent a cross-section of generations and backgrounds with a shared ethos of creativity evolving around precision and fine craftsmanship. Each maker applies contemporary ideas to traditional materials and techniques to challenge the preconceptions and expectations of tradition, value, and the use of silver and fine metalwork.

FIVE at Collect is supported by Goldsmiths' Fair as well as AlsoLike London, a multi-brand concept store specialising in jewellery and objects that create a connection between art objects and everyday life.

Angela Cork, Co-Director of FIVE said:

"FIVE are delighted to return again to Collect 2023 with a new body of sculptural silver and metalwork. Generously supported by Goldsmiths' Fair, this event provides an incredible platform for silver and metalwork and an opportunity for our collective to push the boundaries of our practices. We are very excited this year to be working with celebrated British furniture designer Tom Faulkner. Our hope is to spark passionate conversations about contemporary silver and metalwork in interior spaces."

Harriet Scott, Goldsmiths' Company Event Director said:

'Goldsmiths' Fair is delighted to be supporting FIVE at the Collect International Fair 2023 once again. After an exciting year for craftspeople, we are committed to supporting our makers and ensuring ongoing representation of silversmiths. This exciting collective will showcase some of the UK's foremost creative makers on an international platform and demonstrate how silver and contemporary metalwork is perfectly suited for contemporary living.'

Visitors are also invited to attend the FIVE booth talks, which are designed to be informal and led by the exhibitor and allow visitors to gain a greater insight into the work of the designer.

Thursday 02 March, 12.30, FIVE - Stand W14, West Wing

FIVE and Goldsmiths' Fair in Conversation

A discussion about a unique cross-collaboration of objects between the stands of Goldsmiths' Fair and FIVE, created especially for this year. FIVE will show a group of five unique beakers on the Goldsmiths' Fair stand, representing the meeting of the individual voices of the five makers. This group of pieces will be echoed on the FIVE stand with an installation of five wall pieces created in the same language as the beakers. Each group of works is a dialogue about material, form and the diversity of contemporary metal. You will visit both stands to see each collection.

Friday 3 March, 15.00, FIVE - Stand W14, West Wing

FIVE and Tom Faulkner in Conversation

A conversation between FIVE metalsmith Ane Christensen, one of the UK's leading contemporary makers, and Tom Faulkner, celebrated British metal furniture designer. They explore their passion for their shared material, the many parallels in their practices and where they find inspiration. The talk will also highlight the ethos of FIVE, how the collective is evolving to partner with furniture and interiors and Faulkner will talk about the pieces he made specially for FIVE.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

ABOUT FIVE

FIVE is a unique collaborative platform for silversmiths and fine metalworkers, founded in 2021. Its purpose is to curate and present a series of new conversations in silver and metal to encourage ambitious work, develop a wider interest and to inspire the next generation. This year, FIVE represents an exciting mix of leading makers – Ane Christensen, Angela Cork, Jessica Jue, Sheng Zhang and are joined by Hamish Dobbie. These artists share an ethos for precision, fine craftsmanship and challenging the preconceptions and expectations of tradition. For Collect 2023, FIVE is working with designer Tom Faulkner, incorporating his distinctive furniture to create a contemporary interior setting in which to engage with the metalwork.

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Ane Christensen



Ane Christensen established her practice in 1999 after completing a Masters at the Royal College of Art in London. Her work is represented internationally by Carpenters Workshop Gallery and in major museum collections including the V&A, the Crafts Council, Museum of Decorative Arts Denmark and the Goldsmiths' Company Collection. Having made functional silver tableware for years, Ane's work is becoming increasingly abstract and less concerned with the traditional perceptions of function. Her work always begins with the simple geometry of bowl forms and flat sheet. She often incorporates metal wire, used like three-dimensional line drawing in space. Applying traditional techniques such as hand piercing, drilling and soldering, she enjoys working in a variety of metals, combining them in an exploration of colour and texture.

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Angela Cork



Angela Cork is an established London based company, designing and making a wide range of contemporary silverware and jewellery. Traditional handmade methods are used to create beautifully crafted objects of modern design. Angela's work is original, distinctive and easily recognisable. Her ethos is to produce elegant and sculptural work that is also functional and well considered. Her aesthetic of elegant lines and purity of form produce objects both tranquil and complete in their nature.

Angela's work has been shown extensively in many prestigious galleries and exhibitions and is collected by many private clients and public collections including the P&O Makower Trust for the National Museum of Wales, Birmingham Museum & City Art Gallery and the Goldsmiths' Company. She has worked to commission for a variety of clients including the Financial Times, St John's College Cambridge and the Vineyard Restaurant in Newbury. Over the years the business has developed a strong customer following and Angela has established her reputation as a high-end designer maker of beautiful bespoke silverware.

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Hamish Dobbie



Hamish Dobbie is an award-winning metal artist working in both precious and non-precious materials. He combines traditional craftsmanship with contemporary design to create bespoke pieces that are both functional and decorative. He works to commission with pieces in collections across the world including the National Museum of Scotland and the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths' Collection.

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Jessica Jue



Jessica Jue has won several awards at the Goldsmiths' Craft and Design Council Awards and is represented in several major collections including The National Museums Scotland and The Goldsmiths' Company. She completed a postgraduate residential course at Bishopsland Educational Trust and has recently been awarded the South House Silver Workshop Trust Graduate Apprenticeship Scholarship to train with master silversmiths Rod Kelly and Brett Payne.

Jessica Jue is a London based silversmith and jeweller. Known for her sculptural aesthetic, Jessica's design is deeply influenced by her Chinese heritage and Austrian upbringing, in which fluid and bold designs are created. She reinvents traditional techniques in silver to craft elegantly beautiful contemporary designs that have won her many accolades. Inspired by balance and harmony, Jessica draws and sculpts with dramatic use of fluid and organic playful curves and aims to create a sense of rhythmic movement within her collection. She skillfully manipulates her forms through the ancient art of hammering, while also introducing an abundance of rich surface textures, through the use of pattern and gold.

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Sheng Zhang



Sheng Zhang is an award-winning designer maker in contemporary silversmithing. His work is exhibited internationally and is included in the permanent collections of the V&A and The Goldsmiths' Company. He has worked to commission for major clients including Rolls-Royce & Partners Finance. Sheng's work demonstrates the aesthetics of minimal style, pure form and the ethos of moderation. He questions the relationship between the work and its surroundings as well as the role of function in a conceptual work of art.

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ABOUT GOLDSMITHS' FAIR

Goldsmiths' Fair is the UK's premier selling event and exhibition for fine jewellers and silversmiths. Exhibitors are selected from across the UK by a panel of experts assembled by the Goldsmiths' Company, the UK's leading patron of jewellers and silversmiths. Goldsmiths' Fair 2023 will run from 26 September to 8 October with an exemplary programme of events.

About the Goldsmiths' Company

The Goldsmiths' Company is a membership organisation that has contributed to national life for 700 years. The Goldsmiths' Company trains and supports jewellers and silversmiths; protects consumers by testing and hallmarking precious metals; and works with charitable, educational and cultural partners to help improve people's lives.

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ABOUT TOM FAULKNER

British furniture designer, Tom Faulkner, designs and makes exquisite and distinctive furniture and accessories. Tom's show-stopping pieces are loved worldwide – by private clients and professional interior designers alike, and his furniture is equally at home in either modern or traditional settings. To see more work, visit the beautiful new showroom at:

28 Pimlico Road, London SW1W 8LJ

Or go to www.tomfaulkner.co.uk

ABOUT COLLECT

Collect, the leading international fair for contemporary craft and design presented by the Crafts Council, returns to Somerset House in London from 3-5 March 2023.

Browse and buy artworks from close to 40 specialist galleries, representing over 400 exceptional artist makers from across the globe. Most of the work has been made in the last five years, with many artists creating new work for the fair.

Book tickets now at: collectfair.org.uk

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<https://www.craftscouncil.org.uk/collect-art-fair>

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