

Josef Symon, Czech (active Austria)  
1932-2021  
Ring, 1971  
Silver, gold



Stacey Lee Webber  
Mark Wagner  
Groucho Marx Ring, 2019  
Vintage silver quarters, brass, paper dollars ink



Fumiki Taguchi, Japanese, b. 1977  
Takashi Kojima, Japanese, b. 1978  
Ring, 2019  
Cubic zirconia, sterling silver, rhodium plate



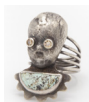
Annamaria Zanella, Italian, b. 1966  
Blue Chaos, 2019  
Cork, titanium, lapis lazuli pigment, gold



Fabrizio Tridenti, Italian, b. 1962  
Ring, c. 2016  
Brass, steel, acrylic enamel



Renée Zettle-Sterling, American, b. 1970  
Oh Baby, 2019  
Silver, turquoise, citrine



Anne (Anni) Turner, British, b. 1950  
David Turner, British, b. 1946  
Ring, c. 1975  
Silver



Petra Zimmermann, Austrian, b. 1975  
Double-Ring, 2010  
Vintage costume jewelry findings, polymethyl methacrylate, garnets, rhinestones, gold leaf, gold



Tone Vigeland, Norwegian, b. 1938  
Ring, c. 1994  
Silver



Petra Zimmermann  
Ring, 2009  
Vintage costume jewelry findings, imitation gemstones, gold leaf and oxidized silver



Giorgio Vigna, Italian, b. 1955  
Nodo, 2013  
Silver



Petra Zimmermann  
Ring, 2015  
Two brooches, garnets, polymethyl methacrylate, gold



Karel Votipka, Czech, b. 1964  
Ring, 2019  
Stainless steel, silver, North American magnetite



Petra Zimmermann  
Ring, 2015  
PMMA, various costume jewelry, oxidized silver



Karel Votipka  
Ring, 2017  
Steel, gold, Czech citrine, chrysoprase



Petra Zimmermann  
Ring, 2018  
Glass beads, textile (Biedermeier purse), epoxy, silver



Karel Votipka  
Ring, 2019  
Steel, silver, opal



Petra Zimmermann  
Perlengesicht, 2017  
Mother of pearl, pearls, polymethyl methacrylate, gold



David Watkins, British, b. 1940  
Ring, 1972  
Silver, pearls  
Collection of the artist



Othmar Zschaler, Swiss, b. 1930  
Ring, 1970s  
Ebony, gold, ruby



Stacey Lee Webber American b. 1982 (ring)  
Mark Wagner, American, b. 1976 (collage)  
Vampire George Ring, 2019  
Vintage silver quarters, brass, paper dollars, ink  
Collection of the artist



Othmar Zschaler  
Ring, 1970s  
Gold, ruby



# RINGS!

1968 – 2021

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Since the time of the ancient Egyptians, humans have adorned their fingers with ornamental jewelry. From signifying one's marital status to protecting the wearer from forces of evil, rings have served practical, symbolic and decorative purposes throughout history and across cultures. On view June 5 - July 17, RINGS! offers a glimpse into the boundless creative freedom revealed within the ring form.

Featuring work from Australia, Austria, England, Germany, India, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway Russia, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States, this international selection brings together over one hundred rings that demonstrate the artists' wide-ranging expressions through a variety of aesthetic and conceptual ideas. From the traditional techniques of metalsmithing to avant-garde materials and approaches, the rings on view will offer a new examination of the cultural, political, and personal meanings of the ring itself.

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Hans Appenzeller, Dutch, b. 1949  
slinky, c. 1980  
Steel, gold



Masha Avina, Ukrainian (active US), b.1960  
The Ring, c. 2016  
Coral, found objects, silver  
Collection of the artist



Giampaolo Babetto, Italian, b. 1947  
Ring, late 1980s  
Gold, pigment



Robert Baines, Australian, b. 1949  
Ring, 1997  
Gilt silver, powdercoat



Robert Baines  
Ring, 1997  
Gilt silver, powdercoat



Robert Baines  
Ring, 1997  
Gold, silver, paint



Gijs Bakker, Dutch, b. 1942  
chp...? founded 1996  
Peace Ring, designed 2007  
Jade



Gijs Bakker  
chp...? founded 1996  
Little Finger Ring, 1967/1989  
Gold



Peter Bauhuis, German, b. 1965  
Replika, 2016  
Fire-gilded bronze



Jamie Bennett, American, b. 1948  
Ring, 2019  
Fine silver, sterling silver, enamel



David Bielander, Swiss (active Germany), b. 1968  
Cardboard, 2015/2019  
Yellow and white gold



Manfred Bischoff, German (active Italy)  
1947-2015

Trust Fund Baby, 2002  
Gold, deep sea coral (ring), paper, ink,  
paint (drawing)  
Photo: Ken Yanoviak

Manfred Bischoff  
Ring, c. 1996  
Gold, white coral, diamonds

Manfred Bischoff  
Principessa, 1997-98  
Gold, deep sea coral (ring)

Manfred Bischoff  
Cherubin 1 / Trust Fund Baby, c. 1998  
Gold, deep sea coral (ring)  
Paper, ink, paint (drawing)  
Photo: Ken Yanoviak

Manfred Bischoff  
Tender Touchment, 2000  
Gold, coral

Manfred Bischoff  
René Descartes / Unschärferelation, 1998  
Mirrored glass, coral, gold (ring), ink, paper  
(drawing)  
Photo: Ken Yanoviak

Helen Britton, Australian (active Germany)  
b. 1966  
Ghost Train, 2009  
Silver, glass, paint

Helen Britton  
Ring, 2009  
Silver, diamonds, paint

Helen Britton  
Snake Ring, 2012  
Silver, hematite, diamonds, vintage glass

Sigurd Bronger, Norwegian, b. 1957  
Carrying device for liquid water, 2015  
18K gold, stainless steel, water, rubber

Lola Brooks, American, b. 1969  
doublebauble, 2020  
Stainless steel chain, 14k gold solder



Margareth Sandström, Swedish, b.1950  
Ring, 2001  
Silver, 18k gold  
Collection of the artist



Niki Sawansukha, Indian, b. 1982  
Ring, 2019  
Rice, yellow lentils, seeds including white sesame,  
wood



Niki Sawansukha  
Ring, 2019  
Found objects, seeds, legumes, wood, lacquer



Bernhard Schobinger, Swiss, b. 1946  
Gold Mary's Nightmare, 2012  
18K gold, fine gold, malachite



Bernhard Schobinger  
Sawblade Ring, 2015  
Steel, silver soldering, bronze, black enamel,  
wood (case)



Bernhard Schobinger  
Ring, 2015  
Meissen porcelain, aquamarine, yellow topaz



Bernhard Schobinger  
Cause and Effect Ring, 2002  
White gold, bronze, zirconium, malachite  
Promised Gift of Helen Williams Drutt Family  
Collection, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston



Bernhard Schobinger  
Kinetic Ring, 2019  
Yellow gold, white gold



Marjorie Schick, American, 1941-2017  
Bands of Rings, 2006  
Rings: paint, wood, glue  
Pedestals: paint, wood, plastic laminate  
Photo: Gary Pollmiller



Biba Schutz, American, b. 1946  
Sparkiln Ring, 2010  
Sterling silver, fine silver, 18k gold  
Photo: Ron Boszko  
Collection of the artist



Barbara Seidenath, German (active US)  
b. 1960  
Twin Peaks (Hand Ornament), c. 2010  
Quartz crystal, sterling silver, enamel on fine silver



Stephan Seyffert, German, b. 1960  
Ring, c. 1991  
Amethyst, silver



Sondra Sherman, American, b. 1958  
Dis-engagement Ring: Time, 1997  
Silver, miniature sand timer  
Collection of the artist



Peter Skubic, Yugoslavian (active Austria)  
b. 1935  
Ring, c. 1993  
Wood, plastic, paint



Peter Skubic  
Ring, 1989  
Gold, chandelier glass



Oldřich Sládek, Czech, b. 1986  
Moonlanding # 2, 2017  
Titanium, steel gold plated steel springs



Oldřich Sládek  
Moonlanding # 3, 2017  
Titanium, steel, gold-plated steel springs



Kiff Slemmons, American, b. 1944  
Finger Puppet, 1998  
Ebony, silver, pencils, eraser



Emile Souply, Belgian, 1933-2013  
Ring, 1992  
Corian, brass



Per Suntum, Danish, b. 1944  
Ring of Bloom, 1994 / 2021  
Gold



Tore Svensson, Swedish, b. 1948  
Rings from the series "Inside 4 x 4 cm"  
Steel, gilt, silver plate  
Collection of the artist  
Cubic zirconia, sterling silver, rhodium plate



Miyé Matsukata, Japanese (active US)  
1922-1981  
Ring, c. 1975  
Found object (Japanese Katana sword tip), silver



Märta Mattsson, Swedish, b. 1982  
Frozen Flora Ring, 2020  
Copper, beetle, cubic zirconia, lacquer, resin, silver



Myra Mimlitsch-Gray, American, b. 1962  
Grisaille Ring, 1991  
Grisaille enamel on copper, silver  
Collection of the artist



Myra Mimlitsch-Gray  
Pave Pacifier, 1991  
Silver, cubic zirconia  
Collection of the artist



Rika Mouw, American, b. 1954  
Golden, from the Signs of Life series, 2009  
Sterling silver, wood, gold leaf, lacquer



Louis Mueller, American, b. 1943  
Monopoly Ring, 1990  
Sterling silver, epoxy  
Collection of the artist



Louis Mueller  
Monopoly Ring, 1990  
Sterling silver, epoxy  
Collection of the artist



Louis Mueller  
Rocket to the Moon Ring, 1996  
18K yellow gold, amethyst, south sea pearl  
Collection of the artist



Ted Noten, Dutch, b. 1956  
Greed, 2020  
3D-printed gold-plated steel



Milan Nováček, Czech b. 1973  
Dream About a Better Life, 2020  
Bamboo, paper, gold



Breon O'Casey, British, 1928-2011  
Ring, c. 1987  
Ivory, lapis lazuli



Breon O'Casey  
Ring, c. 1985  
Silver, wood



Ritsuko Ogura, Japanese, b. 1951  
Ring Transparent, 2003-2004  
Silver, acrylic, paint



Barbara Paganin, Italian, b. 1961  
Impronte (Fingerprints), 2007  
Silver



Ramón Puig Cuyàs, Spanish, b. 1953  
The Power of Nature I Ring, 2020  
Nickel silver, silver, enamel, gold leaf, steel, basalt



Ramón Puig Cuyàs  
The Power of Nature II Ring, 2020  
Nickel silver, silver, enamel, steel, stone



Nash Quinn, American, b. 1984  
Six Fold, 2019  
Sterling silver, copper, powdercoat, 24k gold plate  
Collection of the artist



Wendy Ramshaw, British, 1939-2018  
Ring stand with 12 rings, 1985  
18K gold set with emerald and sapphire on a nickel alloy stand inlaid with resin bands



Debra Rapoport, American, b. 1945  
Lichee Ring, 2021  
Toilet paper roll, paint, strips of copper, twisted paper, pipe cleaner wrapped in paper, chips of dried paint, found metal washer, found metal bottle cap, dried lichee nut



Debra Rapoport  
Pod Cast, 2019  
Nespresso coffee capsules, synthetic leather



Gerd Rothmann, German, b. 1941  
Locket / Engagement Ring, 2007  
Gold, photograph (H. Peter Stern), acrylic



Philip Sajet, Dutch, b. 1953  
Sun Ring, 2016  
Gold, amber



Doug Bucci, American, b. 1971  
Islet | Mnemonic Device, Artist Proof, 2019  
Vermeil over sterling silver



Claus Bury, German, b. 1946  
Ring, c. 1969  
Gold, beryl (cabouchon), tourmaline, pearl



Claus Bury  
Ring, 1970  
Gold, acrylic  
Promised Gift of Helen Williams Drutt Family Collection, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston



Sanna Svedestedt Carboo, Swedish, b. 1981  
Wooden Diamond, 2015  
Birch, dye, 22k gold leaf, lacquer



Pierre Cavalan, French (active Australia) b. 1954  
Sydney Souvenir, c. 2001  
Silver, found objects



Pierre Cavalan  
Esperance, c. 2001  
Silver, stone, found objects



Monica Cecchi, Italian, b. 1964  
Gheysha's Roses, 2014  
Vintage tin



Peter Chang, British, 1944-2018  
Ring, 2009  
Acrylic, polyester, PVC



Peter Chang  
Ring, 2009  
Acrylic, resin, aluminum, gold



Peter Chang  
Ring, 2009  
Acrylic, resin, found object, aluminum, silver



Paolo Chimeri, Italian, b. 1933  
Ring F, c. 1999  
Silver, shell



Cappy Counard, American, b. 1970  
Object of Connection: Sharing, 2019  
Sterling silver, mahogany, holly



Ute Decker, German (active UK), b. 1969  
Curling Crest of a Wave, 2014/2015  
Recycled silver



Elisabeth Jesus Gu. Defner, Vienna, Austria  
1931-2017  
Ring, 2012-2014  
21K gold, Australian opal, Mexican fire opal



Kenneth Derengowski, American, b. 1974  
The Greatest Generation: Torpedo, 2011  
Silver, found object, slate



Paul Derrez, Dutch, b. 1950  
Wisselring, designed 1975  
Silver alloy, polymethyl methacrylate



Peter de Wit, Dutch (active Sweden), b. 1954  
Ring, 2020  
18K gold  
Courtesy of the artist



Georg Dobler, German, b. 1952  
Ring, 1994  
Quartz crystal, gold



Georg Dobler  
Ring, 1994  
Amethyst, gold



Georg Dobler  
Wine Branches Ring, 1996  
Oxidized silver, lemon citrine



Georg Dobler  
Ring, 2019  
Silver, quartz crystal



Georg Dobler  
Ring, 2006  
Silver, citrine



Ben Dory, American, b. 1983  
Black Sequin Ring, 2018  
Stainless steel, sequins, 24k gold



18k gold (image)  
Collection of the artist

Sam Tho Duong, Vietnamese, b. 1969  
LOOK Ring, 2014  
Oxidized silver, freshwater pearls, nylon



Adam Grinovich, American, b. 1981  
Battery 2, 2016  
Steel, cubic zirconia



Svatopluk Kasalý, Czech, 1944-2021  
Ring, 2002  
Cut glass, brass, gold



Alexandra Lozier  
Crystal Cocktail Ring, 2015  
Aragonite, garnet, oxidized sterling silver



Iris Eichenberg, German (active US), b. 1965  
Ring, 2020  
Gold  
Photo: Clare Gatto  
Collection of the artist



Samuel Guillén, Venezuelan (active US)  
b. 1977  
Ring, 2014  
Sterling silver, South African porcupine quills



Svatopluk Kasalý  
Ring, 2008  
Cut glass, plated brass



Fritz Maierhofer, Austrian, b. 1941  
Ring, 2006  
Corian



Sandra Enterline, American, b. 1960  
Mica Infinity Ring, c. 2014  
Oxidized sterling silver, mica



William Harper, American, b. 1944  
DUBU Ring #1, 2017  
Gold, cloisonné enamel, fine gold,  
fine silver, pearl



Ulla and Martin Kaufmann, German, b. 1941  
Mollys Eckiger, 2019  
Gold, tourmaline



Kadri Mälk, Estonian, b. 1958  
Crazed Wolf with Colossal Red Eye, 2010  
Moleskin, silver, gold, almandine garnet



Karl Fritsch, German (active New Zealand)  
b. 1963  
KF 258, 2008  
Silver, glass stones



Therese Hilbert, Swiss (active Germany)  
b.1948  
Ring, 2016  
Silver, obsidian



Helfried Kodré, Austrian, b. 1940  
Ring, 2010  
Silver, agate, turquoise



Stefano Marchetti, Italian, b. 1970  
Ring, 2021  
Silver, wood, paper  
Photo courtesy of the artist



Karl Fritsch  
KF 524, 2019  
Silver, citrine, emeralds, malachite,  
cubic zirconia



Yasuki Hiramatsu, Japanese, 1926-2012  
Ring, 2009  
Silver



Ekaterina Khmelnitskaya, Russian, b. 1979  
Gold of the Incas, 2013-14  
Sculpey, acrylic, enamel



Paolo Marcolongo  
Two Rings, c. 2000  
Gold



Karl Fritsch  
Ring from the Steinhäufenring Series, 2009  
Oxidized silver, crystals



Yasuki Hiramatsu  
Ring, 2009  
Silver



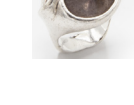
Helfried Kodré  
Ring, 2013  
Silver, chrysoprase



Gigi Mariani, Italian, b. 1957  
Labyrinth #2, 2016  
Silver, 24k gold, niello



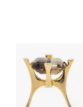
Max Fröhlich, Swiss, 1908–1997  
Ring, c. 1992  
Silver



Yasuki Hiramatsu  
Ring, 2007  
Silver



Stanley Lechtzin, American, b. 1936  
Emerald cut smoky topaz ring, c. 1968  
Smoky topaz, 14k gold  
Collection of Doug Bucci



Gigi Mariani  
Text, 2018  
Silver, 18k yellow gold, niello



Thomas Gentile, American, b. 1936  
Ring bearing, selected object, 20th century  
Steel



Margit Jäschke, German, b. 1962  
Ring, 2016  
Silver, gold, chrysoprase, coral  
(Currently not on view)



Keith Lewis, American, b. 1959  
Orgy Ring, 2001  
Sterling silver, pearls, cubic zirconia



Bruno Martinazzi, Italian, 1923-2018  
Meridiana, 1980s  
Gold



Toni Goessler-Snyder, German (active US)  
1942-1982  
Ring, c. 1978  
Acrylic, gold



Daniel Jocz, American, b. 1943  
Ring from the 'ZUC' series, 1991-1992  
Sterling silver, 14K gold



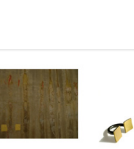
Keith Lewis  
Ring for Fascinus #14, c. 2004  
Sterling silver, enamel on gilding metal



Bruno Martinazzi  
Duo Ring, c. 1985  
Gold



Caroline Gore, American, b. 1976  
Via Guiseppi Guisti, Florence Italy, 2006  
(Ring and photographic reference  
to site specific intervention)  
18k gold, oxidized sterling silver (ring), photograph,



Christer Jonsson, Sweden, b. 1945  
Vanitas II, 2013  
Patinated, partly gilt silver, niobium, cubic zirconia



Keith Lewis  
XX:XX Ring, 2002  
Sterling silver, 18k gold, pencil, enamel on  
copper



Falko Marx, German, 1941-2012  
Ring, 1969  
Gold, gold granules, rock crystal disk, liquid



Alexandra Lozier, American, b. 1988  
Enhydro Brandberg Amethyst Ring, 2019  
Enhydro Brandberg amethyst crystal,  
oxidized sterling silver



Falko Marx  
Heilige, 1985  
Gold, porcelain miniature, liquid, gold and  
platinum needles, gold granules

