

Artist Statement

It is always intriguing to see how my personal imagination and inspiration embody to become an actual object. The working process is more open towards momentary happenings rather than manipulated by preset intention, which brings unexpected value.

I rather explore, experience and cultivate the moment.

I often observe how different elements play out in their own way, helping to define the destiny of each work. Pursuing the textures of abundant materials is my primal interest in making jewelry. Adopting different fibers with other solid material reveals unique surfaces, characteristics, shapes, colors and textures. This is the most fascinating part of my work.

Biography

Myung Urso was born in South Korea. Her studies include a BA degree in Biology, an MFA degree in fiber arts from Hongik University, Seoul, Korea in 1986 and an MA degree for Museum & Gallery Management from the City University in London, England in 1995.

Professionally Myung Urso began her artistic career as a fiber artist, from 1988 to 1993 she worked as an editor and reporter at the Monthly Art & Craft magazine (Design-House Ltd.), Seoul Korea. Myung spent five years in London England where she studied Museum and Gallery Management at the City University and worked for the Visiting Arts division in British Council Headquarters in London. In 1997 she returned to South Korea where she began to work as a curator. In 1998 she opened 'Hand and Mind' contemporary craft gallery/store and a craft store located in Seoul, which operated through 2005.

As a curator and art director Myung Urso organized more than 50 contemporary crafts exhibitions throughout South Korea and in the countries of France, the United Kingdom and the United States. Myung has served as a juror for numerous crafts competitions and as an advisor for the Korean Ministry of Culture & Tourism, the Korea National Museum Foundation, and the Korea Craft Promotion Foundation, etc. In addition Myung Urso was a lecturer at several universities such as Duksung Univ., Kookmin University and Sookmyung Univ. within South Korea.

Currently Myung works as an art jeweler creating unique one of kind fashion art forms.

