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BIOGRAPHY

Dorothee is a university-trained designer and goldsmith with over 15 years experience. Her European upbringing informs her design sensibility, which makes her work so noticeable on the discerning wearer. Dorothee is the creator of the iconic *OneFooter Rings*, which are sold in prestigious contemporary jewellery galleries across North America.

Multi-award recipient and featured in several international books on contemporary jewellery design, Dorothee was awarded Nova Scotia Master Artisan status in 2015.

Dorothee's studio is nestled behind her house in the Hydrostone area of Halifax, Nova Scotia, from where she travels across North America & Europe to show her work. She also enjoys creating custom designs, using the client's gems and gold, or her own sustainably sourced (recycled or certified fairly traded) gold, and carefully selected coloured gems, pearls, or certified Canadian diamonds.

ARTIST STATEMENT

What moves me creatively is my passion for moving metal, and the continued study of line. When I begin to translate my inspiration into metal, I work very intuitively, allowing space for serendipity. With the original inspiration in mind, I begin a dialogue with the metal. I work through sample after sample, letting the metal guide me as in call-and-response, developing a conversation between metal and maker.

Through a process of careful decision making, both in material and technique, I work the metal, a hard and cold material, into a relationship with the human body, creating adornments that capture the exchange between inspiration and material.

My goal always is to bring joy to the wearer with the pieces I create. I welcome you to visit my Halifax studio, in person or virtually via video call, to discuss your custom project.

Dorothee



ONEFOOTER SERIES

The *OneFooter Series* started as a drawing in brush and ink; the undulating line of the brushwork can still be detected in the translation into metal.

For the *OneFooter Rings*, one foot of gold or sterling silver wire is first forged to change the wire's shape along its length, then wound and soldered, wrapping around the finger many times without beginning or end.

Variations include *OneAndAHalfFooters*, *TwoFooters* and *ThreeFooters*, as well as many combinations of silver, gold, and precious stones.

The *OneFooter Necklace* uses the same technique as the *OneFooter Ring*, but on a much smaller scale. The winding of the thinner wire will create a unique bead that is strung permanently on a silver chain.

In the same vein, the *OneMeter Bangle* starts as one meter of thicker sterling silver, which is forged before it is wound into one continuous loop.



ONEFOOTER, ONEANDAHALFFOOTER, TWOFOOTER, THREEFOOTER Rings
Sterling silver



ONEFOOTER Hoop
Sterling silver



ONEFOOTER Ring
Sterling silver, prasiolite
in 18kyg



ONEFOOTER Ring
Sterling silver, spinel
in 18kyg



ONEFOOTER Ring
Sterling silver, blue topaz
in 18kyg

*Each piece is one-of-a-kind. RESULTS VARY.



ONEFOOTER Ring

18k yellow gold



ONEFOOTER Ring

18k palladium white gold



ONEFOOTER Necklace

18k yellow gold

*also available in sterling silver



ONEMETER Bangle

Sterling silver

*also available in copper



ONEFOOTER Ring

18k yellow gold with diamond



ONEFOOTER Ring

18k conflict-free yellow gold with sapphire



3-LOOP ONEFOOTER Ring

18k yellow gold with diamond



ONEFOOTER Ring

18k palladium white gold, diamond



TWOFOOTER Ring

Sterling silver, green
tourmaline in 18kyg

MOONPEARL SERIES

MoonPearl Necklaces

For the necklaces in the *MoonPearl Series*, I took the idea of the 'hand of the maker', and combined it with the notion of a pearl's home – the shell. On first glance, the individual sterling elements seem to be shells. They are, in fact, hand-fabricated elements, molded in wax and then cast in sterling silver. Their texture is that of fingerprints: crafted by the hands of the maker.

Moon Earrings

There are several earrings in this series. *MoonShell One* and *MoonShell Three* have one or three such shells/prints, respectively. The *MoonPearl Swirl* earrings are inspired by constellations. Their dreamy elegance comes from letting the sterling wire guide me as much as I am guiding it when I create each one of these. This design continues my study of line, and my commitment to making pieces individually by hand.



MOONPEARL Series
Sterling silver, freshwater pearls



IGNITE SERIES

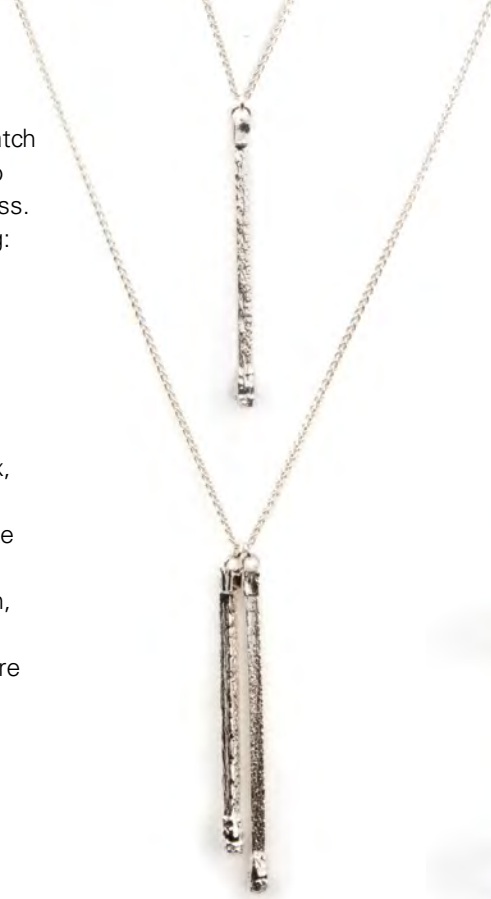
The exacting cast of a strike-anywhere match for the *Ignite Series* inspires the wearer to new heights of engagement and awareness. Volumes can be spoken about its meaning: find your flame, strike a match...

MAPLELEAF SERIES

This series is inspired by my natural surroundings, and it celebrates Canada. The imprint of fresh leaves is made in wax, then rolled up to shape the rings, which are then cast in precious metal. The texture of the leaves on the metal, placed on the finger, is reminiscent of the texture of skin, and thus nature seems to form a cycle, as she does so well. The *MapleWrap Rings* are customizable with gems.



IGNITE Ring
Sterling silver, garnet



IGNITE Pendant
Sterling silver, sterling silver chain

*also available as earrings



MAPLE WRAP Ring
18k yellow gold, sapphire



MAPLE LEAF Rings
Available in a variety of precious metals

DRAGONFLY SERIES

Dragonflies carry much symbolism in many cultures. Often used in art nouveau, this motif is irresistibly elegant. The necklace and earrings in this series are made in matching bookend copies of each other.

Each wing component is just under 6 cm or 2.25 inches in the pendant and the long earrings, and just under 4 cm or 1.5 inches for the short version



DRAGONFLY Earrings
14k gold



DRAGONFLY Necklace
Sterling silver

SCRIPT SERIES

The *Script Series*, inspired by my month-long pilgrimage through India, is close to my heart. The writings of this colourful country become more and more fluid as one travels south through its great expanse. It is that calligraphic line that inspired this series.



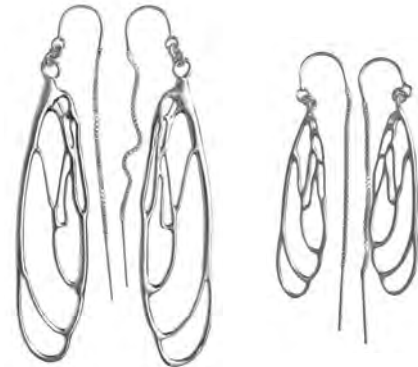
SCRIPT Ring
18k gold



SCRIPT Ring
18k gold, diamonds



SCRIPT Ring
18k gold, sapphires
& diamonds



DRAGONFLY Earrings
Sterling silver

*customizable with gems, including clients' own gems

KNOT SERIES

Each piece in the *Knot Series* is individually hand-fabricated, bending the wire by hand and with simple tools in a free-flowing way, without method or conscious decision. Thus, every one of these earrings, necklaces or rings is completely unique. This series was inspired by a photo I took of bare vines against a winter sky. I played with wire for a long time before I found a way to translate what I felt into a piece of jewellery. The square wire juxtaposes the round shapes of the knots beautifully. Much can, of course, be said about the symbolism of knots, and tying them — an unusual way to say 'Let's tie the knot'!



KNOT Ring

18kyg gold, sapphire

*customizable with gems



KNOT Necklace, Ring and Earrings

Sterling silver

*also available in 18kyg or 18k palladium white gold





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