PENLAND GALLERY

MAYA KINI San Francisco, CA

METALS | Jewelry

Penland Affiliation | Penland Instructor 2023, Penland Studio Assistant 2022, Penland Winter Residency 2018

Artist Information | Studio artist; education: MFA Cranbrook Academy of Art (MI), BA Reed College (OR); teaching: Sacramento City College (CA), California State University-Sacramento; American Craft Council Searchlight Fellow; exhibitions: Shibumi Gallery (CA), The Studio Gallery (CA), Petaluma Art Center (CA), Facèré Jewelry Gallery (WA), Velvet da Vinci (CA), Galerie Louis Smit (Amsterdam), Society of Arts and Crafts (MA); publications: CAST (Schiffer), 500 Wedding Rings (Lark), 500 Enameled Objects (Lark).

Artist Bio | Maya Kini studied sculpture and literature before going on to receive a graduate degree in Metalsmithing in 2007 from Cranbrook Academy of Art. She lives in San Francisco, California where she is a studio artist, poet, mother and educator. Her studio is on the Sausalito waterfront.

Artist Statement | Maya's process stems from a belief in perfection and symmetry but with the knowledge that these qualities often hide within imperfection and asymmetry. She brings a love of research, a minimalist sensibility, and a sculptural approach to making. Maya investigates materials and their capacities to perform physically and poetically. Her work emerges from the belief that no material is static and that there is beauty to be found in the changing surfaces of objects as they are worn.