

# ADRIAN SASSOON

## Kevin Grey

Curriculum Vitae



Born 1967, Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland

- 1983-88      Craft Apprenticeship, Matthew Boulton College, Birmingham  
Advanced Fabrication and Thin Plate Studies  
Licentiate of The City and Guilds
- 2007-2009    HND Jewellery and Silversmithing, School of Jewellery, Birmingham

### Working in Birmingham

"I create unique pieces that use, almost exclusively, TIG welding techniques to join individually hand formed pieces of silver. The mastery of the welding technique allows me to achieve the precision, scale and dramatic impact of the work; however, technique is not my sole concern. The starting point for each piece is an emotional response: a desire to express a moment or set of ideas in physical form. These can be as varied as a scientific concept or lived experience of historical events.

For twenty-five years I worked within the luxury automotive industry, hand-making bespoke pieces for Rolls Royce, Bentley and the Morgan Motor Company. My accumulated knowledge of traditional skills passed on through the trade, coupled with new technologies and production processes, has provided a unique and original approach to making that extends beyond and complements the traditions of silversmithing."

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London  
*Adrian Sassoon*, The Treasure House Fair, London  
*LOEWE Foundation Craft Prize 2024 - Finalist Exhibition*, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France  
*Adrian Sassoon*, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2023 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London  
*Adrian Sassoon*, The Treasure House Fair, London  
*Adrian Sassoon*, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2022 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London  
*Adrian Sassoon*, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
- 2021 *LOEWE Foundation Craft Prize 2020 - Finalist Exhibition*, Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Paris, France  
*Adrian Sassoon at Parham, a House of History*, Parham House, West Sussex
- 2020 *Adrian Sassoon at Sotheby's*, Sotheby's, London  
*Adrian Sassoon*, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2019 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London  
*Renewal*, Victoria & Albert Museum, Dundee  
*COLLECT*, with Goldsmiths Fair and Bishopsland, Saatchi Gallery, London
- 2018 *Homo Faber*, Michelangelo Foundation, Venice, Italy  
*Melting Point*, Makers Guild Wales, Cardiff  
*Made For the Table*, The Goldsmiths Centre, London
- 2017 *Spring Exhibition*, Sladmore Gallery, London
- 2016 *Silver Speaks: Idea to Object*, Victoria and Albert Museum, London  
*Michael Goedhuis*, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands  
*Maison Gerard*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA  
*Silver, Light and Shade*, The Holburne Museum, Bath
- 2015 *Maison Gerard*, Collective Design Fair, New York, USA
- 2014 *Janssens van der Maelen*, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands  
*Maison Gerard*, The International Fine Art & Antique Dealers Show, New York, USA  
*Maison Gerard*, Collective Design Fair, New York  
*Danske Sølvmede*, Koldinghus, Denmark
- 2013 *COLLECT*, Saatchi Gallery, London  
*Goldsmiths' Fair*, The Goldsmiths' Company, London
- 2012 *Fit for Purpose – Contemporary British Silversmiths*, Victoria & Albert Museum, London  
*Made in the Middle*, Midland Arts Centre, Birmingham  
*Contemporary Applied Arts*, London
- 2011 *Goldsmiths' Fair*, The Goldsmiths' Company, London  
*Rising Stars*, Pangolin Gallery, London  
*Silverstruck*, Ruthin Craft Centre, Ruthin, Wales  
Museum of the Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham
- 2010 *Goldsmiths' Fair*, The Goldsmiths' Company, London

## Awards

- 2024 Finalist, LOEWE Foundation Craft Prize, Paris, France
- 2020 Finalist, LOEWE Foundation Craft Prize, Paris, France
- 2017 Gold, Silversmith Senior 3D Craft, Goldsmiths Craft and Design Council, London
- 2017 Gold, 3D Design Silversmiths, Goldsmiths Craft and Design Council, London
- 2015 Shortlisted, No. 10 Downing Street Silver Trust Commission Competition
- 2014 The Goldsmiths Company Award, Goldsmiths Craft and Design Council, London
- Gold, Technological Innovation Award, Goldsmiths Craft and Design Council, London
- Gold, Silversmiths Senior, Goldsmiths Craft and Design Council, London
- Silver, 3D Design Silversmiths, Goldsmiths Craft and Design Council, London
- 2012 The Goldsmiths Company Award, Goldsmiths Craft and Design Council, London
- Gold, Technological Innovation Award, Goldsmiths Craft and Design Council, London
- Silver, Silversmiths Senior, Goldsmiths Craft and Design Council, London
- Commended, 3D Silversmiths, Goldsmiths Craft and Design Council, London
- Shortlisted for St. Martin-in-the-Fields Design Commission Competition, London
- 2011 Winner, P&O Makower & National Museum Wales Silver Commission, London
- 2010 Winner, Jewellery Quarter Silver Commission, Birmingham
- The Goldsmiths Company Award, Goldsmiths Craft and Design Council, London
- Gold, Technological Innovation Award, Goldsmiths Craft and Design Council, London
- Silver, Design Silversmiths, Goldsmiths Craft and Design Council, London
- Commended – Silversmiths Senior, Goldsmiths Craft and Design Council, London
- 2009 First Prize, New Technology Award, The Goldsmiths Company, London
- Grants for Arts Award, Arts Council of England Development Grant
- Regent Silversmith Award

## Public Collections

Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Birmingham

National Museum Cardiff, Wales

The Goldsmiths' Company, London

Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia