Kickstarters 2019

International Jewellery London has announced the six winning designers named as the IJL 2019 KickStarters.

The annual mentoring programme, created by IJL and the NAJ, is one of the industry's most successful bursary programmes for emerging talent. The initiative involves six of the best up and coming UK-based jewellery designers, who have been trading for more than 12 months, giving them access to a mentoring package, workshop days, ongoing pricing, branding and marketing support, introductions to key industry figures... and an always popular presence at IJL 2019.

The Kickstart 2019 Winners Are:



Aurelie Dellasante Jewellery

This award-winning Swiss-French jewellery designer creates unique contemporary pieces that have been exhibited internationally. Her last collection URBAN ANIMALS showcases a series of animals adorned with human elements inspired by punk culture.



Becca Macdonald Studio

A background in textiles, ceramics and sculpture influences Becca's jewellery. A common theme throughout is documenting the 'evidence of presence' and human traces. With an interest in both fluid movement and organic shape, she explores the space where liquid becomes solid and hard meets soft.



Bine Roth Jewellery

Bine jewellery plays with our senses with the ultimate focus on movement and wearability. The designs combine strong shapes with a serene lightness of movable chains allowing the designs to dance on the body. Innovative and daring, timeless and traditional, understated or extravagant.



Hannah Blackwood Jewellery

Hannah's award winning TEMPUS FUGIT collection is inspired by the Memento Mori of the 15th to 17th centuries. The aim is to inspire the wearer to live every day like it was their last. Hannah marries traditional jewellery making with the latest CAD techniques in the creation of her pieces.



Lukas Caspar Jewellery

The curiosity for the materials and crafts that he developed growing up defines the basis for Lukas' jewellery. Innovation plays a major role in his first collection of newly developed stone cuts, clever catches and a patent pending technique that makes symbols and images magically appear on some pieces.



Vanessa Pederzani, Heirloom Jewels

Jewellery designer and gemmologist Vanessa creates unusual, effervescent fine jewellery. There's gentleness at times, playfulness and boldness at others, but all pieces have a distinctive craftsmanship and unpredictable charm. Using different overtones of diamonds, rubies and coloured sapphires, she moulds precious war helmets, corsets, bats and scorpions – unique jewels, like miniature art pieces.

Each designer will receive a bursary funded directly by the Benevolent Society, to assist with London transport and accommodation costs, plus the opportunity to join the NAJ. Over the past 10 years, the initiative has helped more than 85 designers launch their careers and get an all-important foot in the door. KickStart alumni have gone on to have impressive careers in the jewellery sector.