

Gail Klevan



Large Oblong Choker. Acrylic.



Large Rounded Bangle. Acrylic.



Pebble Choker. Acrylic.



Rainbow Elasticated Bracelet. Polished Acrylic

Gail grew up in Manchester and trained there in wood, metal and ceramics before being awarded an RCA bursary to take her MA in Jewellery and Silversmithing at the Royal College of Art in London. Here she won the Bakri Yehia Prize for Excellence in 1983, and in 1995 she won the first prize in the Merseyside Craft Competition. She now lives in North-West London and specialises in acrylic jewellery. She has attracted a large and enthusiastic following, not just in the UK but in many overseas countries too.

She has exhibited at major exhibitions including *Origin, Dazzle, Country Living, Spirit of Christmas*, and the former Chelsea Crafts Fair. Her work is stocked in many contemporary jewellery shops, galleries and museums in the UK. Gail's designs have been featured in the national and international press and on TV, including a 30 minute Japanese documentary about her work and lifestyle. Her work is found in both national and private collections and has been listed in the contemporary section of Judith Miller's Collectables.

Gail Klevan's innovative jewellery has evolved by continuous experimentation with modern acrylic materials. The pattern and drawing refract dense colour with metallic gold and silver undertones across smooth and sculpted surfaces. These interact with the organic curvature and geometry of the highly polished acrylic shapes creating shimmering, ever changing iridescence. Though bold, the jewellery is designed to adorn and flatter the wearer and is suitable with either casual or formal clothing and is comfortable and easy to wear for both everyday and special occasions. Like the Bakelite jewellery of the 1930's, these elegant and striking designs will become the classics of tomorrow.

Education:

1979-82 Manchester Polytechnic, BA Hons, Wood, Metals and Ceramics

1982-85 Royal College of Art, MA

Awards:

1982 RCA Bursary

1983 Bakri Award, RCA

1995 Merseyside Craft Competition, First Prize



Picasso Bangle (2009).
Handmade and painted acrylic.



Picasso Ring (2009).
Handmade and painted acrylic.



Picasso Earrings (2009).
Handmade and painted acrylic.