



TRANSFER

HELEN AITKEN-KUHNEN COLLECTION

What might come as a surprise to many is that this exhibition, **Transfer**, heralds the first time that Bilk Gallery co directors, and mother and daughter team, **Helen Aitken-Kuhnen** and **Mio Kuhnen** have exhibited exclusively together. With what seems like a natural pairing of artists, it's anybody's guess as to why it has taken so long, but we are extraordinarily pleased that it has.

Each artist will present their own bodies of work, and as the title suggests, these works highlight how each transfers their thoughts and inspirations into wearable objects. The exhibition also and more broadly investigates the transfer of skills, ideas and knowledge between mother and daughter and daughter to mother. A relationship you might describe as more complex, more fraught and also more rewarding than just that of mentor and mentee or teacher and student.

Aitken-Kuhnen and **Kuhnen**, explore the process of enamelling in highly skilled and experimental ways. The resulting work in this exhibition, mainly in the form of brooches and pendants, clearly demonstrates each artist's proficiency as well as their deep and reverent passion for the ancient craft.

Both **Aitken-Kuhnen** and **Kuhnen**, look to the natural world around them for inspiration, interestingly Aitken-Kuhnen from the ground looking up and out, and Kuhnen from the skies down and across time. This shared appreciation but viewed from different perspectives is what allows for interesting intersections and conversations between the works and the artists.

Nola Anderson in her catalogue essay about **Aitken-Kuhnen** writes, "...the essence of the pieces lies in their intimate scale. But the compositions themselves are inspired by the vastness of ground and sky, foreground and horizon. It's an expansive vision compressed into miniature." Anderson further describes **Kuhnen's** work in that it "... plays with both time and space, looking backwards to ancient history, and hoping to influence our current perspectives."

There is no doubt this will be a thoroughly enjoyable and remarkable show, with informative catalogue essays about each artist by Nola Anderson accompany the exhibition.



Black cockatoo resting, brooches, grey and yellow, enamel, 925 silver. 34 - 40 x 34 - 28 x 3 mm \$750
Black cockatoo resting, brooches, black, grey and yellow, enamel, 925 silver. 34 - 40 x 34 - 28 x 3 mm SOLD
Black cockatoo resting, brooches, red and black, enamel, 925 silver. 34 - 40 x 34 - 28 x 3 mm \$750



- Flight pendant, champlevé enamel, cloisonné, 925 silver. 25-64 x 12-60 x 4 mm \$1400
- Flight pendant, champlevé enamel, cloisonné, 925 silver. 25-64 x 12-60 x 4 mm \$1200
- Flight brooch, champlevé enamel, cloisonné, 925 silver. 33-42 x 40 x 3 mm \$950
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Found lines brooches, turquoise, doro enamel, champlevé and cloisonné, 925 silver, copper, brass. 27-33x30-36x5mm \$680

Found lines brooches, brown, doro enamel, champlevé and cloisonné, 925 silver, copper, brass. 27-33x30-36x5mm SOLD

Found lines brooches, purple, doro enamel, champlevé and cloisonné, 925 silver, copper, brass. 27-33x30-36x5mm \$680



Angry Sea Anemone brooch, orange and blue (top large) champlevé enamel, cloisonné, 925 silver. 35-38x45-53x4 mm SOLD
Angry Sea Anemone brooch, orange and blue (second from top small) moriage enamel, cloisonné, 925 silver. 35-38x45-53x4 mm \$1400
Angry Sea Anemone brooch, orange and blue (second from bottom small) moriage enamel, cloisonné, 925 silver. 35-38x45-53x4 mm \$1400
Angry Sea Anemone brooch, blue and orange (bottom large) moriage enamel, cloisonné, 925 silver. 35-38x45-53x4 mm \$1400



Angry ocean brooch, (L) moriage enamel, cloisonné, 925 silver. 38x53x5 mm \$1400

Angry ocean brooch, (R) moriage enamel, cloisonné, 925 silver. 38x53x5 mm \$1400



Black cockatoo resting postcard brooch, champlevé enamel, 925 silver. 18 x 32 x 3 mm \$380

Flight postcard brooch, champlevé enamel, cloisonné, 925 silver. 18 x 32 x 3 mm \$420

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Found lines postcard brooch, doro enamel, champlevé and cloisonné, 925 silver. 18 x 32 x 3 mm \$380

Angry Sea Anemone postcard brooch, blue, moriage enamel, cloisonné, 925 silver. 18 x 32 x 3 mm \$420

Angry Sea Anemone postcard brooch, red, moriage enamel, cloisonné, 925 silver. 18 x 32 x 3 mm \$420



Resting pendant. Champlevé enamel, 925 silver. 89x37x4 mm \$1200