

Jesika Hanford

“Re-Worn” is the reconstruction of my beloved winter coat. It is an acknowledgment of the value I place on the memories embedded in the fabric, the tacit sense of familiar comfort and the recognition of a finely crafted garment.

Reworking the coat in this way is an opportunity to feature the inherent worn history of the garment while showcasing it in the present.

It is a positive exercise in holding on.

This piece represents the aspect of my practice that explores personal associations and how we value them. I am particularly interested in the textile memories held within the personal fabric that surrounds us as well as the fabric we associate with loved ones.

#### EDUCATION

2007 Bachelor of Fine Art – Gold & Silversmithing, Griffith University, Brisbane, QLD, Australia  
1997 Bachelor of Fine Art – Gold & Silversmithing, RMIT, Melbourne, VIC, Australia (first year)  
1995 Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY, USA  
(Metalforming Techniques, Beginning Soldering, Jewellery Casting)  
1994 Universidad de Mexico, Taxco, GRO, Mexico (Jewellery Studies)

#### EMPLOYMENT

2006 Resident Jeweller, MoB Studio, Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane, QLD, Australia  
2003-05 Jewellery Production Manager, Bing Bang, Brooklyn, NY, USA  
2003-04 Jewellery Production Manager, Meryl Waitz Inc., New York, NY, USA  
2001 Jewellery Production Assistant, Arnold Goldstein, New York, NY, USA  
1999 Jewellery Production Assistant, Adventures in Jewellery, Beerburrum, QLD, Australia

#### EXHIBITIONS

2006 Glam-r-us, Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane, QLD, Australia  
2006 Cherish, Craft Queensland, Brisbane, QLD, Australia  
2006 Expeditions, Metalab Gallery, Sydney, NSW, Australia  
2006 Glisten, Marks & Gardner Gallery, Mt Tambourine, QLD, Australia  
2002 Natural Influences, Pismo Contemporary Art Gallery, Denver, CO, USA  
1999 Soul, Peter Bellas Gallery, Brisbane, QLD, Australia  
1999 Rush, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane, QLD, Australia  
1999 The Gift, Contemporary Art and Design Gallery, Brisbane, QLD, Australia  
1999 Birth, Carindale Library, Brisbane, QLD, Australia

#### AWARDS

1998 First Prize - Jewellery Category, Caloundra Arts and Crafts Festival, Caloundra, QLD, Australia