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# THE SCOTTISH GALLERY

CONTEMPORARY ART SINCE 1842

## PACIFIC RIM

The exhibition runs from 8th - 31st January 2007

Mon - Fri 10.00 am - 6.00 pm

Sat 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

### **PACIFIC RIM**

Is an exhibition of jewellery and metalwork by 11 contemporary artists working in Australia; Japan; Korea and New Zealand.

The artists are:

Australia: Julie Blyfield; Carlier Makigawa

Japan: Yasuki Hiramatsu; Hiroki Iwata; Kazuko Mitsushima

Korea: Eun-Mee Chung; William Lee; Myjeong Lee

New Zealand: Fran Allison; Warwick Freeman; Areta Wilkinson.

The intention behind the exhibition is twofold. Firstly, to showcase some imaginative, beautiful and very high quality contemporary work. Secondly to look at the extent to which jewellery and metalwork can reveal particular concerns/traditions/techniques within very different cultures to our own. We do live in a world in which the internet and cheap air travel has meant even distant countries appear nearer and more familiar. However that familiarity is both confirmed and questioned in this exhibition.

Pacific Rim does show common ground in the work of selected jewellers both technically and conceptually – enamel work; images from the natural world; concern with domestic traditions; mixed media etc. However it also highlights strong differences which make it an interesting reflection on the way that cultural difference is highlighted, sometimes deliberately, sometimes subconsciously, in contemporary objects.

Artists also travel freely. The Korean exhibitors reveal this particularly well. Eunmee Chung is based in USA – having trained in both countries and shares both a narrative tradition with US work but the narratives are based in symbols from Korea – clouds, flowers etc. and also use of material – paper. William Lee is based in UK – silversmith – but his forms are clearly derived from traditional Korean shapes.

Further information and images are available from:

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Julie Blyfield, enamel brooches



Julie Blyfield, fine silver vessels



Professor Yasuki Hiramatsu,  
24ct gold brooch



Warwick Freeman, kawakawa leaf,  
greenstone



Hiroki Iwata, brooches, enamel,  
silver & aluminium



Hiroki Iwata, Vase, Track of Snow, silver,  
enamel & aluminium