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Air Ten – an exhibition of cutting edge, contemporary jewellery at The Glasgow School of Art

Air Ten is an exhibition of new work in The Glasgow School of Art's Atrium Gallery from April 21st-30th by the six accomplished designers who are currently Artists in Residence in GSA's Silversmithing and Jewellery Department.

Air Ten shows the vastly differing approaches to jewellery from a contemporary group of young, international designer-makers. Many of the students have exhibited world wide and this will be their final show as part of their residency. From work inspired by the Highlands landscape to designs evoking one designer's travels in Japan, their work is varied and together comprises an innovative collection of contemporary applied arts.

The designers and makers showing at Air Ten are:

Amy C Mackay graduated from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design in 2009 with a first class honours degree. She creates both jewellery and decorative objects which are inspired by the natural surroundings of her home in the Highlands of Scotland. Awards include, The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths' - Precious Metal Bursary and The Strathearn Galllery Prize.

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Jennifer Gray graduated with a first class degree in Silversmithing and Jewellery from Glasgow School of Art in 2006. Since then she has lived in Glasgow, London and the Isle of Skye, working on various design projects. Her work has been exhibited at various events and venues including Dazzle, Gallery Marzee and Goldsmiths' Hall. She was recently given a Goldsmiths' Craftmanship and Design

Award for her wax modelling and carving. In addition to pursuing her own practise, Jennifer is a part-time lecturer at Glasgow Metropolitan College and is currently an artist in residence at Glasgow School of Art.

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Artist and Jeweller, **Soizig Marie Carey**, winner of Goldsmiths Precious Metal Bursary 2009, recently graduated from Edinburgh College of Art. Soizig has exhibited in London, Bristol, Glasgow and Edinburgh. Soizig investigates narratives in her work, drawing influence from personal and cultural referencing, architecture and photography.

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Jan Rooney, Jeweller designer maker, winner of Bram Stoker Medal award for most imaginative work of the year 2007. Exhibited Atlantis Gallery, Brick Lane, London along with Glasgow and Tokyo Japan. Jan's work is directly inspired by her travels in Japan, with a strong love of colour and texture she combines found object into floral forms to create jewellery that evokes memories.

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Victoria Marie Coleman graduated from UCA Rochester with a 1st class BA Hons, Victoria's work is dedicated to exploring new paradigms of beauty, and it embraces practicality, aesthetics, philosophy and emotion. Winner of Gold Award, at the Goldsmiths Crafts & Design council, Victoria's work has been showcased in Glasgow, London and Finland.

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Lauren Wethers, Jeweller and Artist, recent graduate of Edinburgh College of Art and winner of Goldsmiths' Precious Metal Bursary, has exhibited in London, Bristol, Sunderland, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Stockholm and Munich. Lauren's work explores the composition of different surfaces and abstracted forms inspired by the eclectic mix of forms, material, colour and pattern found within and around the home.

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Air Ten runs from April 21st-30th 2010 in the Atrium Gallery, The Glasgow School of Art, 167 Renfrew Street, Glasgow G3. Entry is free.

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