

Richard Bett – Artist, Designer & Jeweller

Personal Details

Date of Birth: 24/10/53

Place of Birth: Ludlow, Shropshire

Education

1971 - 1972 Lincoln College of Art & Design Foundation Course

1972 - 1976 Loughborough College of Art & Design
Graduated BA (hons.) 3D Design, specialising in Jewellery.
Won the 'Johnson Matthey' Award

Introduction

With more than 23 years experience developing creative ideas and products for private clients, local authorities, galleries, cathedrals, shops and museums, Richard has established himself as one of the region's foremost designers not only of jewellery, but also a wide range of street furniture. He is also one of the country's leading exponents of the accurate reproduction of historical artefacts, having developed a range of techniques, many of them unique to himself.

The past 9 months have presented Richard with the opportunity to demonstrate his wide range of abilities, some of which includes: -

- First solo exhibition, at Thoresby Gallery, Nottinghamshire. Ninety five new pieces of work were created for this six week show, using the imagery of the three houses of Welbeck, Thoresby and Rufford
- His range of jewellery at the Lincoln Cathedral gift shop was further extended by the creation of the Golden Angel to mark the Queen's Jubilee.
- He designed a set of street furniture for The Castle Mound (a Park in Bedford), working in conjunction with the Landscape Architect and a two week timescale.
- Lead a team of 4 artists (from the AWE Group) to come up with initial concept ideas for the re-furbishment of the beck in Ruskington village, near Sleaford. They carried these forward into bridge and beck side designs.
- He taught a metal module at Nottingham Trent University.
- He has worked on more than 30 private commissions for jewellery, each one to a design unique to the client
- Invited to take part in Art Markets at Welbeck, Rufford and the Newark Riverside Festival.
- Several pieces of Sculpture designed by Richard were shown at Scunthorpe's 20/21 Gallery Christmas Show.

As you will appreciate, this is just a small selection from Richard's CV to give you a flavour of his work. The full document is available on request.