

LAO

LE ARTI ORAFE

Contemporary
Jewellery
School &
Academy
in Florence



School Curriculum (a selection)

Acknowledgments

- 2013** Gold Medal for the organization of PREZIOSA exhibition, lead by the head of the State, Mr. Napolitano,
- 2010** Tuscany's Silver Banner, lead by the president of the Tuscany Regional Council

Cooperations and Appointments

- 1993** The school is a founding member of the PLE (European Parliament of Jewellery Schools). At its first Congress, the school appointed to preside over the Education and Research Commission. This appointment was renewed in the following years.
- 1996** "Platinum and Jewellery": conference organized in Florence in collaboration with the Tokyo-Based Platinum Guild International.
- 1999** Under the supervision and the support of the European Social Fund LAO is the coordinator of the European Project "Cellini", and realize e multi- language dictionary of jewellery terms.
- 2000** In cooperation with Auritalia, students designed some pendants inspired by the theme of peace. The selected design led to the production of gold and diamond pendants, and a part of the proceeds from sales went to UNESCO.
- 2001** Co-ordination and management of the IX International Convention of European Training Centers, in collaboration with the Arezzo Trade Association.
- 2002-2003** "Homage03" project, in collaboration with D. Swarovski & Co., for the design and realization of a jewellery collection using SIGNITY gems. The jewellery produced by leading Italian companies, was donated to SOS Kinderdorf International as a contribution towards the construction of a children's village in Nepal.
- 2007** Design Project in cooperation with the leader Indian company Ganjam & Son: students designed a jewellery collections for the company, Two of the participants were selected for a 6 weeks stay in the company facilities, in Bangalore.
- 2012** In cooperation with Italian Chamber of Commerce in Morocco, intensive workshop for crafts peoples in Fez.
- 2013** "Like a Virgin", project coordinated by Jasmina Carbone, professor of rendering and CAD. Exhibition of paintings by famous artists of the past, revised by our students. The drawings have been exhibited in the boutiques of Via Maggio in Florence, and later at the House of Benvenuto Cellini.
- 2014** Gemology lessons for Ferragamo's employers in Florence.
 - CAD lessons for Prada's employers.
- 2015** In cooperation with Gems and Jade Association (Shanghai), realization of a seminar for jewellery designers in Shanghai
 - LAO is invited to take part to "Shanghai Design Week"

Scholarships

Every year the school awards several scholarships to Italian and foreign students.

Since 2012, in cooperation with the Context Travel Association, Philadelphia, and OmA, Florence, award of a scholarship to a student of the school.

Some of the competitions to which our students have taken part

- 1995** "Dal mille al mille": competition organized by the Meeting for Friendship between Peoples in Rimini. Students on our Design Course winning the first and second prizes.
- 1996** "Ori e Tesori", competition open to former students of jewellery schools and organized by the the International Crafts Exhibition. First, second and third prizes to LAO's students.
- "Midora Design Award '96". A competition organized by the Leipzig Trade Fair in Germany. Five students were selected and exhibited at the Fair, and featured in the official catalogue.
- 1997** "Diamonds-International Awards" Competition organized by De Beers. Our Jewellery Design course students took part with 10 designs sponsored by the School.
- 1998** "26th Pearl Design Contest 1998" organized by the "Japan Cultured Pearl Retailers Association". One of our students was awarded third prize.
- "Leonardo Da Vinci" Competition, organized in Amsterdam and open to students at European Jewellery Schools: first prize overall.
 - "I fiori della gioielleria" Jewellery competition organized by "C.I.B.J.O". Two of our students were among the finalists.
- 1999** "Samshin International Diamond Jewelry Design Awards 1999". Two of our students were among the finalists and one of them won the third prize.
- "The Ring" competition organized in Kaiserslautern, open to students at European Jewellery Schools. Third prize to LAO's student.
 - "I Segreti Del Mare", competition organized by the Rotary Club and "Gioielleria Barducci", open to students from Italian jewellery schools. One of our students won second prize.
- 2001** Competitions organized during the IX international convention of the PLE: second prize in the goldsmithing competition; first, second and third prizes in the design competition.
- 2002** "Un gioiello per il Museo del Costume": first prize to our student Lidia Barigelli.
- Gold Virtuosi 2002, organized by the World Gold Council; won by our student Kim Min Chong.
 - The 7th Samshin International Diamond Jewelry Design Awards 2002. Two necklaces designed by two of our students and produced by the school were selected for the final of the competition.
- 2003** Competition organized by the Rotary Club and Gioielleria Barducci, open to students from Italian jewellery schools: first prize overall to one of our students from the artistic and technical design course.
- XI international convention of the PLE: first and second prizes in the jewellery design competition.
- 2004** Youth Promotion Prize 2004, Hanau, Germania;
- "ORO ANTICO", contest organized by the National Ministry for Arts and Environment: first prize for the category "Ring" to our student Naroa Ortega.
 - "Samshin International Diamond Jewelry Design Awards 2004": our student Kajan Raouf is among the finalists.
 - Contest organized by the "Museo del tessuto di Prato": first prize to our student Luca Zanchi.
 - 5th Edition of the competition organized by the Prato Textile Museum: our student Tomohiro Sasame received the acknowledgement of merit for his jewellery project, inspired by a part of a piece of antique textile machinery.

- 2005** Contest "Un Gioiello di Donna" (A woman's piece of jewellery) announced by FIDAPA (Italian Women's Federation for Arts, Professions and Business). Our students Han Fei, Lee Luakian Mary-Ann Mabry, and Ana Ramirez won the first, second and third prize.
- 2nd Edition of the international competition organized by Eurobijoux, Menorca (Galleria dei Designer). Our student Etsuko Aso was selected to take part in the Fair
- 2007** Inhorgenta 2007: 3 LAO's students are selected to participate in the "Brand New" section.
- 2009** Our former student Taisuke Nakada, won the Prize for the "DESIGN PODIUM" at Inhorgenta 2009
- Contest/Exhibition organized by the Polish school Antidotum. First prize in our student Maddalena Germano and special mention for students Giulia Tamburini, Elia Rizzo and Janine Rall
- Barducci Contest: our students won the first and third prize (Mai Arase and Gitta Vanderbroeck).
- 2010** Barducci Contest: our student Stefano Pio won the first prize
- Fresh Metal Contest 2010: our student Anastasiya Korzhova won the first prize and the student Chyoko Uheara had a special mention
- 2011** 2^o edition of Sant'Eligio Contest: our student Luigi Piantanida won the third prize
- Barducci Contest, Florence: first prize to Stefano Pio and third prize to Anastasiya Korzhova, both of them students in the school
- Fresh Metal 2011: first prize to Yiannis Anguillesi and special mention to Shinobu Nozue
- 2012** 3rd edition of Sant'Eligio Contest: ones again third prize to Luigi Piantanida
- Fresh Metal Contest 2012: first prize to Luigi Piantanida, and best work for LAO to Neasa O'Brien
- 2013** FRESH METAL 2013. Best LAO object: Ana Maria Borja. Public's prize: Felipe Valdes Castro
- 22nd Legnica International Competition, Legnica Jewellery Festival SILVER 2013 Revolt
- 2014** 23rd Legnica International Competition, Legnica Jewellery Festival SILVER 2014 Classic
- 2015** 24th Legnica International Jewellery Competition, Boundaries
- BKV-Prize 2015 For Young Applied Arts – Sophie Beer as Finalist

School's and Students' Exhibitions

- Since 2005** the school organize "PREZIOSA", the most important European year exhibition for contemporary jewellery (www.preziosa.org).
- Since 1995** the school takes part to "Inhorgenta", the International Fair in Munich (Germany).
- Since 2010** the school take part to "Artigianato & Palazzo" International Exhibition, in Florence
- Since 2012** the "Biennale Internazionale dell'Antiquariato", in Palazzo Corsini, Florence, hosts our students' works.
- Since 2012** "Associazione via Maggio" per Contemporaneamente, host students's works in antique stores and galleries of via Maggio in Florence
- 1995** "CLASS OF '95" International exhibition open to jewellery school students organized by the Goldsmiths' Company of London. LAO is the sole private school invited to take part.
- 1996** "Charles Perroud Creativeness Contest", an exhibition open to ex-students of jewellery schools.
- 2000** "Diladdarno" Craft Exhibition organized by the Florence Municipal Authority to promote artistic crafts.
- 2000, 2001, 2003** Itinerant exhibition of jewellery produced by the students at PLE schools.
- 2002** End-of-year exhibition in the ex-Chiesa dei Barnabiti in Florence.
- 2003** "Le quattro stagioni", end-of-year exhibition and fashion show in the Chiostro dell'Ammannati in Santo Spirito, in cooperation with Swarovski.

- 2004** "12th Legnica Festival of Silver", International student's exhibition
- 2006** Inhorgenta 2006: 5 students are selected to participate in the "Brand New" section of the Inhorgenta fair 2006, and 1 student were selected for the "Design Podium" section.
- 2007** Inhorgenta 2007: 3 students are selected to participate in the "Brand New" section.
- 6 students take part to AURA Exhibition, at BURTON AGNES HALL, GB.
- 2009** Our former student Taisuke Nakada, was selected to take part to "BRAND NEW" at Inhorgenta Europe.
- 2010** The student's end of year exhibition was set-up in the old "Leopoldine Cloister", in Florence. Some students have donated their engraving work on silver plate for the project FiorGen non-profit organization, Arts for research. The works will be exhibited at the National Archaeological Museum in Florence from November 22 to December 18, 2010.
- To celebrated the 25 years of its founding, the school had published a catalog with works by some former students.
- 2011** Inhorgenta 2011: our students Hsieh I-Ting and Ugurtas Burcu took part to "BRAND NEW" at Inhorgenta Europe
- Mostra Artigianato & Palazzo, Craft exhibition, Corsini Garden, Firenze
- Charity auction for the non-profit organization FiorGen Foundation. Jewelry donated by students and teachers of the school
- Biennale Internazionale dell'Antiquariato, Palazzo Corsini, Firenze
- 2012** "Contrapposizione", Mode Kunst Venetie, Contemporary Art Exhibition, Alden Biesen Castle, Bilzen, Belgium. Our student Luigi Piantanida had been invited to display his creations.
- 2014** Firenze 2.0, "Fashion Backstage". Students' exhibition and live demonstration, Florence.
-CNR Toscana jewels in metal and wool by Luigi Piantanida and Carlotta Ferraro
- Salone per l'arte ed il Restauro, hosting of student's works
- 2015** 45° Mostra dell'Artigianato Abruzzese di Guardiagrele, exhibition of student's works.
- Shanghai Design Week 2015 Sept. 25-27 Shanghai Exhibition Center,– exhibition of works by 30 students and former students.
- Creation of opera jewels in cooperation with Opera Network, for the play "Il trionfo dell'Onore" by Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725) at Teatro Verdi in Pisa, Don Giovanni Festival on 2015, October 16th . Jewels by Sophie Beer, Luigi Piantanida, Eduardo Ribeiro Vega, Débora Eidt Ebert, Matteo Carbone

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