

Cooperation 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 the Italian jewellery company 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.

2003-2010 - The teacher Jasmina Carbone and the students of the jewellery design classes have collaborated in all the editions of the Signity trend book.

2007 Design Project in cooperation with the leader Indian company Ganjam & Son: students designed a jewellery collection for the company. Two of the participants were selected for a 6-week artist in residence in Bangalore.

2012 In cooperation with Italian Chamber of Commerce in Morocco, intensive workshop for crafts companies in Fez.

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 DesignWeek".

Since 2016 Le Journées Européennes des Métiers d'Art. OMA-Associazione Osservatorio Mestieri d'Arte, Spazio Nota and Artex offer meetings, workshops in the Oltrarno district and in Le Arti Orafe laboratories.

Since 2016 The school has been sponsoring the "InCanto" music workshop. For each edition of the workshop the students of the school also make the jewels for the final concert

2018 Medals realized within the European project Erasmus + "Campo dei Miracoli", promoted in Florence by the "Per Boboli" Association, by the Cultural Association Pinocchio of Carlo Lorenzini, and by Trisomy 21 ONLUS Association, which involves people with Down syndrome in inclusive and participatory activities related to the world of historic gardens.

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Extra didactic activities and initiatives

From 2004 to 2007 LAO has managed the first gallery dedicated to contemporary jewellery in Florence. in this short but intense period especially important collective and solo exhibitions have been organized, both by established artists and young emerging artists, as well as student exhibitions. These are some of the artists hosted: Giovanni Corvaja, Jacqueline Ryan, Carla Riccoboni, Xavier Monclús, Susanne Klemm, Ralph Stautner, Terhi Tolvanen, Barbara Uderzo, Felieke Van Der Leest, Helfried Kodrè, Barbara Schmidt, Janna Syvänoja, Giampaolo Babetto, Diana Dudek, Maria Rosa Franzin, Helen Britton, Karl Fritsch, Nel Linssen, Annamaria Zanella.

In **January 2007** LAO organized Giampaolo Babetto's solo exhibition in Pitti Palace



In 2005, the school gave life to the "PREZIOSA" event, the first and most important annual exhibition for contemporary jewellery in Italy (www.preziosa.org). Since 2008, the international competition "PREZIOSA YOUNG" has been added to the event. Since 2015, "PREZIOSA" has changed its formula, taking the name of "Florence Jewellery Week", the first week dedicated to jewellery in Italy, and the only one in Europe that does not include commercial activities of any kind.

Scholarships

Every year the school awards several scholarships to Italian and foreign students, and in addition:

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

Since 2014, in cooperation with the Eduitalia award a scholarship to young student from USA.

Since 2015, Every year Le Arti Orafe Jewellery School award two scholarships, in intensive course, to staff members of the State Hermitage Museum from Saint Petersburg.

Since 2018, In cooperation with Gioielli in Fermento award of a scholarship for an intensive course

Since 2021 the school awards a scholarship in memory of Maria Cristina Bergesio.

Since 2022 the school awards three scholarship in cooperation with THE PLACE OF WONDER.

A selection of our students' competitions

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 at jewellery schools and organized by 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 the 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

- Contest 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 contest.

2004

- Youth Promotion Prize 2004, Hanau, Germany.
- "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 Maloy, 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 Anastassiya 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 Anastassiya Korzhova, both of them students in the school

2012

- Fresh Metal 2011: first prize to Yannis Anguillesi and special mention to Shinobu Nozue
- 3rd edition of Sant'Eligio Contest: once 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
- "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

- 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
- 2016 In the end of the year exhibition some works are the result of a collaboration with the famous company Mazzanti Feathers: students of Design courses have created special and colorful jewelry.
- 2017 Annelise Mercier's winner of the Amberif Design Award International Amber Jewellery Design Competition
- 2017 Fashion show of clothes created by Atelier Giuliacarla Cecchi. LAO's students turned into models for one night, wearing the stylish clothes together with jewels designed and created in the school workshops.
- 2018 Gioielli in Fermento: Students of LAO prizes: the South Korean Ryung Jae Jung (Award Gioielli in Fermento 2018), the Italian Sara Barbanti (Award Gioielli in Fermento 2018/emerging artist), the Spanish Laura Garcia Sanchez (City Award of Castel San Giovanni - Le Arti Orafe).
- 2019
 - Callegaro 1921 contest. Special mention to Soave Agnese and Lucrezia Matteucci
 - Armando Piccini Prize -Heritage for the Future. design contest. Second prize Lucrezia Matteucci
- 2020 Fondazione Cologni, Winner prize student Agnese Soave.
- 2021 Crafts Code Project, Selected Best Practice for Erasmus+, Call 2020, project Art@heart in cooperation with Arti21, Spazio Reale, Escuela3, Lijepaja Secondary Art School

School's and Students' Exhibitions

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 had been exhibited at the National Archaeological Museum in Florence from November 22 to December 18, 2010.
- 2011
 - Inhorgenta 2011: students Hsieh I-Ting and Ugurtas Burcu took part to "BRAND NEW" at Inhorgenta Europe
 - Artigianato & Palazzo, Craft exhibition, Corsini Garden, Firenze
 - Charity auction for the non-profit organization Fiorgen Foundation. Jewelry donated by students and teachers.
 - 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.
- 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

2017

“Klimt Experience” the multimedial event produced by Crossmedia Group in Santo Stefano al Ponte Church in Florence. LAO exhibited a selection of jewels inspired by Gustav Klimt work and creations, enigmatic, sensual and unique, realized by our teacher Giga Gelovani.

2018

Florence and Chocolate. LAO’s students live performed some amazing jewelry to wear, using the chocolate delicately offered by the Donamalina Chocolate Shop.

2019

“Fracture” project in cooperation with “Amici di Doccia”. The jewellery created by students with sharp-edged fragments of white porcelain by the well renowned Richard Ginori Company is patiently combined with silver, copper and precious gems, giving these shards a whole new life. The jewelry creations will be sold at auction to raise funds for the Doccia Museum, in Sesto Fiorentino, near Florence.

Some artists, designers, teachers, companies, with which the school had or have cooperation for lecturers, long-term courses, workshops, exhibitions, projects.

Artists, designers, teachers, lecturers

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