

# AVRINA EGGLESTON

## Jeweller, Designer, Gemmologist

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### Education

- Diploma in Lapidary, London School of Gemstone Cutting and Design (2000)
- Diploma of Diamonds, Gemmological Institute, London (1995)
- Diploma in Gemmology, Guildhall University, London (1994)
- BA First Class Hons Degree, Central St Martins School of Art, London (1987)
- Carmarthen College of Art Johnstown, Carmarthen, Wales (1984)
- Dartington Hall School, Totnes, Devon -1982

### Scholarships

- “Gold Design in Action” Award, The World Gold Council (1986)
- Queen Mary and Phoebe Llewellyn Smith Scholarship (1986)
- Goldsmiths Craft Council Award (1987)

### Business Growth

- Welsh jewellery workshop established. (2005)
- Designer and manufacturer for “**Paul Smith Ltd**” from (1989 - 2005)
  - Creating 4 collections a year as finished jewellery in silver for men & women’s departments, making samples.
  - On approval from Paul Smith delivering to international buyers & international fashion shows.
  - Orders placed, jewellery manufactured by employees, packaged, labelled and exported worldwide. Japan, New York, Paris, Milan, & international duty free shops.
- Jewellery design contract for London based shoe designer ‘**Patrick Cox**’ (2001-2003)
  - Biannual Design briefings from Patrick Cox, mood boards submitted, concepts approved, presentation of original designs submitted for approval, signed off and drawings sent to Japan for manufacturer

- Lecturer for “The City Lit”, Fleet Street, London. (1990 - 1994)
- Commemorative medals for the ‘Scientific Instrument Makers Guild’ (1990)
- Designing collections for ‘NEXT’ the high street retailer (1987 - 89)
  - A design brief, submitting original designs, themed samples, approval from George Davies, orders from signed off samples, manufacturing collections with 9 employees, packaging, labelling & delivery)
- Presentation Silverware for The Worshipful Company of Cutlers (1989)
- Presentation Medal for the British Society of Dermatology (1988)
- The Chain of Office For The Sheriff of London (1988)
- Jewellery Workshop established (1987)

### **Private commissions**

- Ongoing commissions from clients for precious jewellery (1984 - Present)
  - Wedding crowns & tiaras
  - Engagement rings
  - Refashioning old and valuable pieces
  - Spiritually significant jewels commissioned by the Dalai Lama among others.
  - Objects d’art designed and crafted.

### **Foreign Travels**

- Sourcing unusual gemstones in the USA, the Yemen, India, Ceylon, Africa, Latin America.