

2021 IGI Expressions™ Champions Showcased Online

See the winning designs, Computer Aided Design process and artist biographies.

Antwerp, Belgium (December 28, 2021) – Last month the International Gemological Institute (IGI), the world's largest independent gemological laboratory, hosted the IGI Expressions™ Jewelry Design Competition and named seven winners. Today a Winners' Showcase was published, featuring all design concepts and short videos of the Computer Assisted Design (CAD) process used to bring those creations to life, along with photos and brief biographies of each winner.

You can see all seven winning design concepts and learn more about the artists behind them on by visiting: <https://www.igi.org/gemblog/igi-expressions-winners-showcase-2021>

IGI's international panel of jurists selected six of the winners, and IGI personnel chose one honorable mention, from among 555 submissions arriving from 21 countries. The winning pieces were displayed at the IGI D Show, November 24-25 at the Grand Hyatt, Goa, India,

This year's theme, "The Freedom to Dream" was selected to inspire interpretations of the word "dream" through an original piece or set of jewelry. The competition was open to everyone, from young students and up-and-coming designers to seasoned professionals. Artists were asked to upload a hand-drawn sketch or a Computer Assisted Design (CAD) file in one of three categories, millennial light weight jewelry, cocktail wear or bridal. The winning hand-drawn sketch and the winning CAD file in each category were selected, for a total of six champions, along with one honorable mention.

All competition participants received an official IGI Expressions™ Certificate. The winners saw their designs fabricated by a competition partner, received Champion Certificates and Champion Awards, a cash honorarium, exposure on social channels and recognition via press coverage.

To learn more, please visit www.igi.org/expressions.

About IGI

The International Gemological Institute (IGI) has 20 laboratories in all major diamond and jewelry centers around the world, as well as 14 education facilities. For 45 years, IGI has provided the fine jewelry community and consumers with a broad range of services including independent diamond grading reports, colored stone reports, identification and appraisal

reports, diamond authentication and attestation of origin, laser inscription services, as well as the issuing of the traditional jewelry identification report. Regardless of location or marketplace, an authentic IGI Laboratory Report is the common language of trust and confidence in the gemological world.