Curriculum Vitae

Ko Jou Chen

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Ko Jou Chen is a Taiwanese artist based in Naarm/Melbourne whose practice includes contemporary jewellery, object-making, and spatial installation. Her work explores materiality, memory, and the quiet rituals of domestic space. Through making and arrangement, she reflects on how objects can hold stillness, comfort, and presence within the shifting spaces she inhabits.

Chen is completing a Master of Fine Art at RMIT University, following a Bachelor of Fine Art from RMIT and an Advanced Diploma of Jewellery and Object Design from Melbourne Polytechnic. She received The Future Leaders Award at *Fresh!* (Craft Victoria, 2024) and the JMGA Award at *Graduate Metal XVI* (JMGA, 2024).

Education

- 2024 2025 Master of Fine Art, RMIT, Melbourne, Australia
- 2022 2023 Advanced Diploma Jewellery and Object Design, Melbourne Polytechnic, Melbourne, Australia
- 2017 2019 Bachelor of Fine Art, Gold and Silversmithing, RMIT, Melbourne, Australia

Exhibitions

- 2025 MFA Graduate Exhibition, RMIT, Melbourne
- 2025 Portable Passages, Vitrine Gallery, Craft Victoria, Melbourne
- 2025 Diana Morgan Postgraduate and Honours Gold & Silversmithing Prize, RMIT Site Eight Gallery, Melbourne
- 2025 The Ring Project, Alta Forma, Melbourne
- 2024 Senti-Metal, Radiant Pavilion, No Vacancy Gallery, Melbourne
- 2024 Here's Something I've Been Wanting to Show You, RMIT Design Hub, Melbourne
- 2024 Fresh! Graduate Exhibition, Craft Victoria, Melbourne
- 2023 Ore Melbourne Polytechnic Advanced Diploma Graduate Exhibition, Darebin Arts Centre, Melbourne
- 2019 BA (Fine Art) Graduate Exhibition, RMIT, Melbourne
- 2018 Object Narratives, First Site Gallery, Melbourne
- 2017 Object-ive, RMIT, Melbourne

Awards & Achievements

- 2024 Recipient JMGA Award, JMGA Graduate Metal XVI
- 2024 Recipient The Future Leaders Award, Fresh! Graduate Exhibition Craft Victoria
- 2023 Recipient e.g. etel Industry Award, Melbourne Polytechnic
- 2023 Recipient Innovation Award, Melbourne Polytechnic
- 2022 Recipient First Year Award, Melbourne Polytechnic
- 2019 Recipient The Klepner Prize, RMIT
- 2019 Selected for -The W.E. McMillan Collection, RMIT
- 2018 Recipient Koodak Enamelling Prize for Technical Excellence, RMIT