



# MARTYN PUGH

GOLDSMITH & SILVERSMITH

Simple lines, graceful curves and strong, confident forms comprise Martyn Pugh's designs. Underpinning them are control, attention to detail and mastery over material. His inspiration is "rooted in the purity of natural form, combined with the man-made geometry of engineering and architecture." Whether silversmithing or jewellery, he makes to exacting standards and requirements.

Martyn specialises in commissioned silverware and jewellery, and enjoys distilling his client's ideas into precise hand-drawn sketches. His work can be found in the Silver Trust at 10 Downing Street, the Goldsmiths' Company collections and many other prestigious institutions.

Whilst working in Gold, Silver Platinum, Diamonds, Pearls and coloured stones, Martyn has recently pioneered the use of Palladium and micro-alloyed Gold for tableware. Whatever the project or material, Martyn's experience, skills and innate inquisitiveness combine to produce dynamic and flamboyant designs.

He established his Worcestershire workshop in 1976 has won numerous awards and is exhibited widely.

## **Lives and works in**

Redditch, Worcestershire UK

## **Qualifications**

1976 MA Silversmithing, Birmingham Polytechnic, UK

## **Professional Organisation & Committee Membership**

Fellow of Birmingham City University

Fellow of the Society of Designer Craftsmen

Fellow of the RSA

Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths

Warden of Birmingham Assay Office

Committee member of British Hallmarking Council

Founder member of Contemporary British Silversmiths

Past Chairman of the British Jewellers Association

Past Chairman of Worcestershire Guild of Designer Craftsmen

Association of Contemporary Jewellers

Chairman of CONNECT conference 2007

Committee Member of the Clusters Opportunity Group, AWM 2001-2009

## **Publications**

Designer British Silver: From Studios Established 1930-1985 (John Andrew)	2014
Silversmithing: A Contemporary Guide to Making (Brian Hill)	2014
Goldsmiths' Review	2006/7
Celebration in Gold & Silver	2002
Treasures of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	2000
Silversmithing – A Manual of Design and Techniques by Keith Smith	2000

## **Selected Prizes and Awards**

Goldsmiths' Crafts Council Design Awards - Commended  
BDI Awards – Best Design in Metal 2005  
UK Jewellery Awards – Best Design in Precious Metal  
International Marketing Award – G L Management  
The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths' Tableware Award

## **Selected Commissions**

Assay Master's Badge of Office in Palladium	Birmingham Assay Office
Pure Palladium Tankard	Private Commission
Silver & Crystal Decanter	Worshipful Company of Engineers
6 Silver and Crystal Decanters	Worshipful Company of Fruiterers
Pair 24ct Gold Claret Jugs	Private commission
Silver Water Jug	Birmingham Assay Office
Pair 18ct Gold Water Jugs	Birmingham Assay Office
'Set 12 Butter Dishes & Forks	Silver Trust Collection, 10 Downing Street
'Flow' 50 piece Dinner Service	Private commission
Ceremonial Mace	University of Hertfordshire
Pair Candelabrum	Worshipful Company of Plaisterers
Biscuit Barrel and Trump Indicator	Greater London Lieutenancy
Pair of Silver Water Jugs & 12 Water Glasses	Private commission
Silver for the New Millennium	George Pragnell Group
Millennium Canteen	Sheffield City Council
'Nikon' Presentation Jug	Jessops Cameras UK/Japan
Clerk's Badge of Office	Worshipful Company of Drapers
'Canon' Presentation Coffee Pot	Jessops Camera UK/Japan
The Lucies Highland Cattle Trophy	3 Counties Agricultural Show
Hugil Golf Trophy	Co. Durham
Ritz Racing Trophy	Ritz Club
The Larmor Plate	St. Joseph's College, Cambs.
'Arkle' Stakes Trophy	Guinness plc
'Tote Ebor' Rosebowl	York City
Chalice & Paten	St Mary's, Stoke D'Aberon
Snooker Trophy	Guinness plc
Billiards Trophy	Guinness plc

## **Collections**

10 Downing Street - Silver Trust Collection  
Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths - The Contemporary Plate Collection  
Birmingham Assay Office  
George Pragnell Group – Silver for the new Millennium Collection  
Sheffield City Council – Millennium Canteen  
Private Collection - 'Flow' Dinner Service

## **Recent Exhibitions**

Goldsmith's Fair	London, UK	1984-2015
British Silver Week	Nationwide	2008-2015
Desire, Jewellery and Silversmithing Fair	London	2009-2015
30 Years in the Making (Lesley Craze Anniversary Exhibition)	London	2014
Birmingham Made Me	Birmingham	2013
Contemporary British Silversmiths at Christies	London	2013
One Man Exhibition, Roger Bilcliffe Gallery	Glasgow	2010
Silver With a Pinch of Salt, Goldsmiths Hall	London	2009
TEN by ABDS, Ebury Galleries	London	2007