

Prisha Brown

Charismatic Designer, Teacher, and Merchandiser

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OBJECTIVE

Creative and energetic professional, looking to obtain employment with an art school, gallery, museum, or arts organization. Proven ability to handle multi-faceted projects simultaneously. Education and experience includes teaching, fashion and jewelry design, merchandising, with supervisor, administrative and customer service experience.

EDUCATION

Washington State University **Pullman, WA, 2003-2006**

Master of Arts in Apparel, Merchandising, Design, and Textiles
Specialization in Jewelry Design with a Textiles influence
Solo exhibition of the Entwine Jewelry line in the WSU, MASC gallery
Textiles Teaching Assistant
Magna Cum Laude

The American Jeweler's Institute **Portland, OR, 2005**

Applied Jewelers Certification
Learned fabrication, soldering, polishing, stone setting, wax carving, casting, annealing, and stone cutting techniques

The Spokane Art School **Spokane, WA, 2004-2005**

Soldering Intensive, Wire and Fire, Copper Etching, and Resin workshops

The Gemological Institute of America **Carlsbad, CA, 2003-2004**

Accredited Jewelry Professional diploma
Jewelry, Colored Stones, and Diamonds Essentials certifications

Central Washington University **Ellensburg, WA, 1998-2002**

B.A. in Apparel Design, Family and Consumer Sciences
B.S. in Fashion Merchandising
Fine Arts minor
Cum Laude

Lorenzo De' Medici Art School **Florence, Italy, 2000**

Studied Fashion and Jewelry Design during a study abroad program
Mikimoto International Young Jewelry Designer Award recipient
Attended Pitti Fillati, a knit and textile convention in Florence

Wenatchee Valley Community College **Wenatchee, WA, 1996-1998**

A.A., concentration in art education
President elect of the CWU, Student Art Association

SELECT WORK EXPERIENCE

Entwine Jewelry **East Wenatchee, WA 2005-present**

Business Owner and Jewelry Artist

- Design and create new jewelry for the Entwine website and galleries
- Work with clients to create unique custom orders
- Create and lead jewelry workshops
- Order all tools, supplies, and materials as needed
- Attend gallery openings and events to promote artwork
- Photograph and catalog all new jewelry
- Design business cards, jewelry labels, and packaging
- Manage accounting and record keeping for the business
- Design and update the Entwine website to reflect new work and current events

MassPRO Inc. **Plainville, MA, 2009-present**
Jewelry Merchandising Representative (work in Wenatchee)

- Reports to MassPRO, Etienne Aigner, and Haskell Jewelry regional merchandising managers and account executives
- Review and comprehend all servicing materials, directives, and checklists
- Complete merchandising functions in accordance with scheduled hours
- Execute all marketing programs and sales events
- Observe and communicate competitive issues, floor moves, space and location changes, stock issues, and markdowns to merchandising managers
- Consolidate or expand merchandising presentation based on current inventory
- Build positive relationships with store management and personnel through open communication and personalized service
- Educate store personnel on product and merchandising
- Assist customers in product selection as needed

Wenatchee Valley College **Wenatchee, WA, 2009-present**
Jewelry Instructor

- Teach jewelry courses through the WVC, Continuing Education Department
- Design and create all new class projects and materials
- Order all tools, supplies, and materials as needed
- Communicate and coordinate with Continuing Education administration

Wenatchee Valley College **Wenatchee, WA, 2009-present**
Music and Arts Center Administrative Assistant

- Assist with the everyday operations of the Music and Arts Center including answering the phone, responding to emails, photocopying, picking up mail, ordering supplies, and answering student questions
- Update the Music and Arts websites with current information and events
- Facilitate the set up of student performances and events

Washington State University **Pullman, WA, 2008-2009**
University Publishing, Cougar Express Mail
Lead Cashier

- Provided customers with shipping options for outbound parcels using a menu driven point of sale system
- Provided friendly and flexible service with the ability to resolve customer concerns quickly by matching them with the right shipping services
- Balanced the till daily, prepared deposits, and reconciled shipping invoices
- Trained five new employees on all opening, closing, and daily shipping and cashiering procedures

Old Navy, Gap Inc. **Moscow, ID, 2007-2008**
Customer Experience Supervisor

- Trained and coached 40+ sales team members
- Provided written and on-the-job training to all employees on company initiatives and standards to ensure that everyone fully understood company direction
- Gave in the moment coaching to staff to recognize great performance and redirect when needed
- Shared feedback from customers to leadership team to improve overall customer experience
- Monitored the store fund (i.e., safe and registers) to ensure the store has appropriate funds for daily/weekly business needs
- Maintained company standards of neat, clean and organized for the sales floor, cash wrap and fitting room areas

Sam Dial Jewelers**Pullman, WA, 2006-2007***Bench Jeweler and Sales Associate**Seiko Certified Professional*

- Identified customer needs in terms of proper jewelry repair and jewelry purchases
- Built customer relationships through care, responsiveness, and follow-up service
- Presented product recommendations, assisted with custom designs, and closed sales for all jewelry and watch categories, including diamonds and colored stones
- Repaired chains, sized rings, rebuilt clasps, tightened stone settings, cleaned and polished jewelry, and changed watch batteries and bands

Washington State University**Pullman, WA, 2004-2006****Apparel, Merchandising, Design and Textiles Department***Textiles Teaching Assistant*

- Led four sections of weekly textiles labs
- Recruited and trained additional teaching assistants
- Prepared weekly course materials
- Created new textile lab experiences in knitting and dying
- Graded student projects, tests, lab reports and presentations
- Facilitated students' understanding of current textile industry practices

Washington State University**Pullman, WA, 2004****Museum of Art***Gallery Attendant*

- Protected artwork against theft or damage
- Ensured museum rules were followed
- Recorded hourly temperature and humidity readings
- Assisted with group tours and special events

Washington State University**Pullman, WA, 2003-2004****Apparel, Merchandising, Design, and Textiles Department***Graduate Research Assistant*

- Assisted the department chair with research collection and reports
- Compiled WA Apparel Industry statistics for the AMDT department homepage
- Contributed to the organization and cataloging of the historic costume collection

Koret of California**Oakland, CA, 2002***Fashion Design Intern*

- Created technical drawings and embellishments using Karat CAD software
- Designed and executed color concept boards for each season
- Used a light box to inspect and approve color samples
- Supported the designer during all stages of product development and follow-up
- Shopped the trim market, worked with vendors, organized trims for each line

Jessica McClintock, Inc.**San Francisco, CA, 2002***Fashion Design Intern*

- Assisted head designers with Design Specification Worksheets
- Created and updated fabric and sample books
- Organized fabric, duplicates, patterns and advertising materials
- Digitally photographed finished garments

Central Washington University **Ellensburg, WA 1998-2000**
Fashion Design and Merchandising Department
Research and Teaching Assistant

- Collected data for the CWU, fashion merchandising, internship website
- Assisted with the research and writing of a professional journal article
- Prepared class, lab, and test materials for the departments' professors
- Created department display cases and bulletin boards

**LANGUAGE
AND
CULTURE**

- Spanish language courses 1992-1996
- Summer study abroad in Florence, Italy Summer 2000
- Europe's Fashion Capitals Study Tour May 2004
 - London, Florence, and Paris
- Brighton, Canterbury, and London, UK September 2006
- Athens and Santorini, Greece May 2008

**AFFILIATIONS,
VOLUNTEER,
AND
HONORS**

- Washington State Artist Trust member 2007-present
- WSU, Alumni Association member 2006-2007
- GIA, Alumni Association member 2006-present
- CWU, Alumni Association member 2002-2003
- Icicle Arts volunteer July 2009-present
- YMCA volunteer June 2009-present
- Textiles Teaching Assistantship position with tuition waiver 2004-2006
- Recipient of the Mollie Pepper grant 2005
- Scholarship recipient of the Alberta Hill Excellence award 2005
- Scholarship recipient of the Margaret Hard Home Econ. Research award 2005
- Attended the Fashion Group International Student Career Day 2003-2004
- Attended the annual ITAA Conference in Portland, OR 2004
- Mikimoto International Young Jewelry Designer Award recipient 2000
- Designed and modeled apparel for the CWU Fashion Show 1999-2000
- Scholarship recipient of the WVC, Morris award 1996-1998
- Wenatchee Valley College Art Association President 1996-1997
- Attended the annual College Art Association Conference, New York, NY 1997
- Scholarship recipient of the Chelan-Douglas Counties, Family and Consumer Sciences Association Award 1996

**GALLERIES
and
CLASSES**

- Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center, WA Jan. 27-Feb. 27, 2010
 - "The Art Faculty" Art exhibit
- Mission Street Bistro, Wenatchee, WA Dec. 2009-present
 - Entwine Jewelry collection sold here
- Sleeping Lady Resort, Leavenworth, WA Nov. 2009-Feb. 2010
 - Entwine Jewelry collection sold here
- Grunewald Guild, Plain, WA Nov. 16-21, 2009
 - Taught a week long Crocheted Wire Jewelry class at their "Holiday Gifting" Retreat
- Wenatchee Valley College, WA Oct. 2009-present
 - Crocheted wire necklace, pendant, bracelet, and earring classes taught
- Icicle Arts, Barn Beach Reserve, Leavenworth, WA July 18, 2009
 - Crocheted wire necklace necklace class taught during the Icicle Arts Festival
- Pritchard Art Gallery, Moscow, ID April and Sept., 2009
 - Beginning and Intermediate crocheted wire jewelry classes taught
- Schweitzer Engineering, Pullman, WA May 2, 2009
 - Pullman Regional Hospital Fundraising Gala Art Exhibit

- Wawawai Canyon Winery, Pullman, WA Nov. 20, 2008
 - “Winter Works” Art exhibit at the Winery Gallery
- Saint Laurent Winery, Malaga, WA June, 2008
 - “Shopping in the Vines” Art Show
- Fremont Jewelry Design, Seattle, WA 2007-2008
 - Entwine Jewelry collection sold here
- The Bank Left Gallery, Palouse, Washington 2007-present
 - Entwine Jewelry collection sold here
 - Took part in the July “Artwalks” and December “Holiday Open House” events
- The Pritchard Fine Art Gallery, Moscow, Idaho 2007-present
 - Entwine Jewelry collection sold here
- Washington State University, Manuscripts, Archives and Special Collections,
Master's Thesis Exhibit, Pullman, WA April-July 2006
 - “Entwine: Weaving Traditional Textile Techniques in Metal”
- Washington State University CUB Gallery, Pullman, WA Fall 2005
 - Group Jewelry Exhibit: “The Brilliant Body”