



ART PACIFIC



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• CRAFT/PROFESSION

Dominik DOLBEAU is based in Bourail and designs and crafts handmade jewellery. He uses CAD software for some of his designs and laser cutting techniques for some items of jewellery.



Dominik works with primary raw materials, gold or silver grain. After casting the gold or silver, he draws it into fine wires or transforms it into gold or silver sheets to create rings, necklaces, pendants, earrings and bracelets. He sometimes uses the lost wax casting process, a complex technique dating back thousands of years and requiring meticulous care, patience and skill.



Dominik nurtures close relationships with his customers and also repairs, alters and restores jewellery.

• BACKGROUND

Dominik began his career as a jeweller's apprentice, learning the many techniques used to create jewellery, including the lost wax process...



16 years later, he emerged as a highly qualified craftsman, with a comprehensive mastery of the skills required in creating and modelling new jewellery designs, casting precious metals, specialised machine maintenance, restoring, finishing and polishing jewellery... Dominik is also skilled at working with pearls of all kinds, and is an expert in the properties of gemstones and precious metals, not to mention gem-setting techniques.

• INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS

Oceanian art and, in particular, local motifs such as New Caledonian marine animals, are recurrent themes in Dominik's jewellery designs. He also draws inspiration from well-loved local emblems such as deer, fruit bats, the "Old Man" of Bourail rock outcrop, hibiscus flowers, Kanak rooftop totems, seashells, kagus, nautilus and starfish, all of which feature in his unique designs.