

# C2B ARTISAN BIJOUTIER



- **CRAFT/PROFESSION**

Cécile BONIS has been creating craft jewellery for over 10 years; she designs, makes and remodels jewellery featuring silver, gold, gems (precious and semi-precious stones) and pearls, and also does repair work (soldering, adjusting ring sizes, polishing, jewel-setting).



She designs one-off or limited series jewellery, entirely handmade in her studio in Koné. Cécile devotes enormous patience, precision and delicacy to creating her designs, and also designs pieces to order based on her customers' tastes and budget.



Her designs are inspired by an idea, a sketch or a gemstone. Cécile is also skilled in restoring and remodeling gold jewellery to give vintage pieces a new lustre and allure.

- **BACKGROUND**

Following her high school diploma, Cécile completed 2 years of art studies, specialising in graphic design, drawing, and photography, at an applied arts school.



She then obtained a CAP diploma in Jewellery Design at a jewellery and silverwork school. She followed this with a year's work-study learning

from a master teacher and was awarded a special merit in jewellery and watchmaking.

Cécile worked as workshop manager and saleswoman in fine jewellery and watches before setting up her own business in Koné in November 2016. She now makes her own designs, restores and repairs jewellery and creates personalised pieces.

- **INSPIRATION AND ART/DESIGNS**

Cécile loves creating designs featuring unusual gemstones rarely seen in traditional jewellery, such as star sapphires and rubies, and also even more unconventional materials such as tropical woods and vegetable ivory. Her favourite local gemstones are red jasper, jade and quartz.

Cécile draws her inspiration from many sources but plants and wildlife, on land and in the sea, play a key role in her work. "I find so many riches in nature", she says. "I love diving so I am particularly attracted to the many wondrous and unusual forms of life found underwater; they provide me with an inexhaustible source of inspiration".