



## JEWELRY'S BIG MOMENT

**THE CRAFT IS THRIVING IN BOSTON, THANKS TO GREAT SCHOOLS AND A COMMUNITY THAT'S WILD FOR HOMEMADE.** By MARNI ELYSE KATE

WITHIN THE MIGHT of a handknit shawl or necklace, and jewelry making is at the heart of Boston's creative scene. "We have J. Kayne and Bowen B. Kaplan Curators of Jewelry at the Museum of Fine Arts, offer a blossoming in all major cities. "We've seen more and more jewelers and jewelry dealers at the shows recently," she says, but notes that the market is especially strong here in Boston. Programs at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, and the Rhode Island School of Design all teach and cultivate young artists. "People like to be in communities that support artists," says Macchiarola, who gives students and instructors access of the MFA's jewelry gallery nearly every semester. "These schools have a lot to do with young people choosing



ing to live and work here," she says. The Society of Arts and Crafts, which organizes the juried CraftBoston show and runs a store and a mentorship program, feeds the local culture, too, as do studio events, the SoWa Open Market, and even the development of live/work lofts. Here's just a sampling of the pieces Boston's emerging talents are creating.

▲ CRUSTACEAN SERIES CONCAVE RING IN STERLING SILVER WITH YELLOW TOPAZ BY MONIQUE RAINCOURT, \$400 AT THE SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS, 175 NEWBURY STREET, BOSTON, 617-264-1830, SOCIETYOFARTSMADE.COM

■ "INFUSED STUDS" OXIDIZED STERLING-SILVER EARRINGS BY LEAH MELESKI, \$250 AT MASSART MADE, 625 HUNTINGTON AVENUE, BOSTON, 617-479-7400, MASSARTMADE.COM

■ APPLE CHARM NECKLACE IN GOLD PLATE OVER STERLING SILVER BY HANNAH BLOUNT, \$106 AT TOPAZ, 11 DUNSTER STREET, CAMBRIDGE, 617-492-3700, TOPAZCAMBRIDGE.COM

■ "GOLD STEMS" HAMMERED-GOLD FILLED ON STERLING-SILVER CHAIN BY RIPSGOODS, \$96 AT 13 FOREST GALLERY, 167A MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, ARLINGTON, 781-645-3333, 13FOREST.COM

■ FEATHER BRACELET IN BRUSHED ONYX, STERLING SILVER, AND PAVE DIAMONDS BY LEE ESSER DOYLE, \$500; TO PURCHASE, E-MAIL LEEESENDOYLE@OMAHL.COM

■ "BULLETS" EARRINGS IN STERLING SILVER BY SOPHIE HUGHES, \$160 AT FIRE ORAL, 320 HARVARD STREET, BROOKLINE, 617-739-9066, FIRE-ORAL.COM

■ "BRAQUE" CRICKET/BRUSHED STERLING-SILVER EARRINGS BY DEV BENNETT, \$250 AT ALCHEMY 9.2.5, 48 LEONARD STREET, BELMONT, 617-484-9254, ALCHEMY925.COM

■ "JIM" OBLONG BRASS AND SNAKESKIN BRACELET WITH MILLED COTTON BY BEATRICE KIM, \$225 AT GOOD, 110 CHARLES STREET, BOSTON, 617-722-9000, SHOPATGOOD.COM

■ "WANT" STACKABLE RINGS IN 18-KARAT GOLD BY BECCA STRAUS, \$870 EACH AT MICHELE MERCALDO, 276 SHAWNUIT AVENUE, BOSTON, 617-500-7909, MICHELEMERCALDO.COM