

Todd Pownell

"My exploration in the process of jewelry making is with a deep respect for the innate properties of the material. The noble metals and gem-stones display strong qualities of order and structure within their internal network. I work with a focused attention for the craft, which is a visible dialogue within the jewelry. I like to think of my designs as evolving from an emotional state to an aesthetic experience and back again. Romanticism is a powerful influence. The interaction of dark and light metals mixed with fine gold and diamonds combine to evoke a strong sense of mystery and a sublime nature. The diamonds are bead set upside-down onto the surface in pave' or scattered across the piece. This reverse setting effectively captures and reflects light in a succession of broad flashes from the oblique angles creating a feeling of twilight. Visually the effect is similar to the display of a gathering storm in the night sky. Or one can be reminded of the low angled light as it is cast across the vista into the gazing eye." -Todd Pownell

In 2008 Todd focused on developing his design jewelry line; "Tap by Todd Pownell" that has since grown from a two to a four person work-shop. Todd has taught and given numerous lectures and workshops focusing on topics including, stone setting, fabrication and sharing incites into building a viable studio. His unique casting techniques and upside-down stone setting style gives his jewelry line a new edge.

He is a Graduate Gemologist whose work has been featured in publications including the Lark Books series. Todd is also a member of the ethical metalsmith's jewelers for social and environmental responsibility, who support ethical mining in sourcing their materials. The most responsible means are used while operating their studios with "Green" practices. He is a member of the Society of North American Goldsmiths, Gemological Institute of America and the American Craft Council.

Materials + Accolades

18k yellow, rose & white gold

palladium

sterling silver

diamonds

precious stones

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