

# Amy Wilderson Cousin

## Jewelry Artist Teaching Artist

Amy Wilderson Cousin is a Minneapolis-raised jewelry artist. By using metalsmithing, wire-working, and silk knotting techniques, her pieces revive surplus or discarded items such as computer elements, bike parts, vintage glass Mardi Gras beads, as well as reclaimed precious metals, and ethically sourced gemstones that are associated with lore and healing properties. Cousin is also a teaching artist trained in Creative Aging techniques.

### Experience

Jewelry Artist

Amy Cousin Jewelry / Amy A Jewelry

February 2013 - present

Teaching Artist

Twin Cities Public Television/Next Avenue in collaboration with PrimeLife Arts Learning - St. Paul, MN

June 2021 - present

Course: Making and Sharing Memory Through Original Jewelry

### Education

2021 Art-Train Individual Artist Training, Springboard for the Arts, St. Paul, MN

2021 Remote Teaching Artist Training for Creative Aging, Aroha Philanthropies/Lifetime Arts/Minnesota State Arts Board, Minneapolis, MN

2019 Teaching Artist Training in Creative Aging, Aroha Philanthropies/Lifetime Arts/Minnesota State Arts Board, Minneapolis, MN

1985 BA in Communication, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

### Exhibitions

2020-21 *Foot in the Door 5: The Virtual Exhibition*, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN, virtual 2020

*Let's Make*, American Craft Council Market (collaboration with Springboard For The Arts), Saint Paul, MN

(postponed due to pandemic)

2019 *HipSilver Holiday*, HipSilver exhibit at Ramscale Studio, New York, NY

2019 *SpringBox Artist Pop-up*, Springboard For The Arts, Saint Paul, MN

2019 *IMAGE*, East Central Regional Arts Council, Braham, MN

2019 *'Silver' Artists*, HipSilver exhibit at Ramscale Studio, New York, NY

2018 *Man vs. Technology*, sponsored by Ello and ArtMoi artist platforms, virtual exhibit

2018 *IMAGE*, East Central Regional Arts Council, Braham, MN

2017 *Global V-Day Exhibit*, Tictail, New York, NY

2017 *Holiday Exhibit*, Three Sisters Eclectic Arts, Saint Paul, MN

2017 Solo Exhibition, *Into the Blue*, Black Girl In OM, virtual

2016 *Twin Cities Social Justice Arts Festival*, Edit The World and Springhouse Center, Minneapolis, MN

2015 Featured Artist, Three Sisters Eclectic Arts, Saint Paul, MN

2014 *Heart-Soaked and Handmade Artists*, Annapurna Living by Carrie-Anne Moss, virtual

2013 Featured Artist, MN Artists.org, virtual

### **Grants/Awards**

2021 Get Ready Grant, CERF+ (Craft Emergency Relief Fund), Montpelier, VT

2021 Creative Support for Individuals Grant, Minnesota State Arts Board, Saint Paul, MN

2020 Covid-19 Relief Grant, CERF+ (Craft Emergency Relief Fund), Montpelier, VT

2020 Artist Relief Grant, United States Artists, Chicago, IL

2020 Emergency Artist Relief Grant, Springboard For The Arts, Saint Paul, MN

### **Related Experience**

2021 Minnesota State Arts Board Grant Review Panel member

2021 Metropolitan Regional Arts Council Grant Review Panelist

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2020 Minnesota State Arts Board Grant Review Panel member

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### **Affiliations**

[Black In Jewelry Coalition](#)

[SistaSmiths](#)

[Metalsmith Society](#)

[MN Artists.org](#)

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