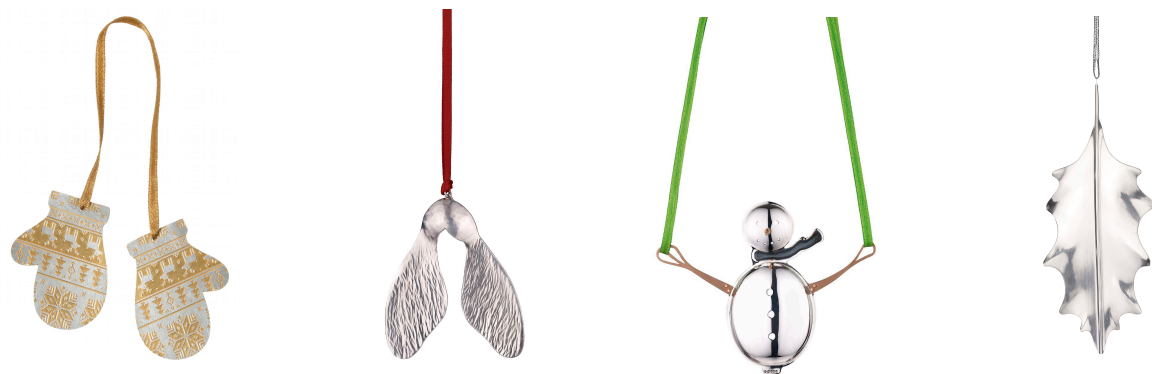


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London, October 2016

Collectible Christmas decorations from Contemporary British Silversmiths



From the left: 'Christmas Mittens' by Mary Ann Simmons, 'Christmas Seed' by Elizabeth Auriol Peers, 'Snowman' by Stefan Tooke and 'Holly Leaf' by Kay Ivanovic

15 members of Contemporary British Silversmiths, the leading association for contemporary silver in the United Kingdom, are designing limited edition silver Christmas tree decorations, to be available to buy from the beginning of October 2016.

The pieces are handmade in solid silver and bear the hallmark of one of Britain's four assay offices. Designed as unique and special gifts, they can be used as Christmas decorations or given as christening and wedding presents. The pieces have become collectable since Contemporary British Silversmiths started producing an annual Christmas collection in 2002.

The range represents the variety of skills and techniques within the membership. Some pieces are hammered while others are embellished with materials such as shagreen and gold plate. Hand chased, engraved or hand pierced decorations also feature in the collection.

Celebrating Contemporary British Silversmiths' 20th anniversary and as part of its

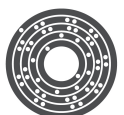
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acclaimed Silver Speaks programme, the pieces will be for sale on the new website contemporarybritishsilversmiths.org.

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Silver Speaks is a year-long series of events being held around the country to celebrate the exceptional level of creativity and skill in British silversmithing today. The spotlight will shine on some of the most exciting artists and designers – exploring the diverse applications of the material, from the experimental to the traditional, the sculptural to the functional. It will showcase the remarkable uses of silver and how works can be commissioned to enhance contemporary living, architecture and fashion.

The programme of events has been organised by Contemporary British Silversmiths, the leading association for design-based contemporary silver, which is sponsored by the Goldsmiths' Company. The focus of the programme, *Silver Speaks: 'Idea to Object'* and the supporting public symposium '*Silver in Contemporary Life*', are produced in collaboration with the V&A.

Notes to Editors

The programme of events *Silver Speaks* has been organised by Contemporary British Silversmiths. For all event information please visit the website silverspeaks.co.uk.

Event: *Silver Speaks*
Dates: March 2016 – July 2017
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About Contemporary British Silversmiths

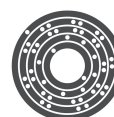
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Contemporary British Silversmiths is the only professional body exclusively representing UK silversmiths both nationally and internationally. The association was set up in 1996 with the aim of raising the profile of the unique craft of silversmithing through public exhibitions.

In promoting the design and creativity of the silversmith, it has worked closely with institutions such as the Goldsmiths' Company, the Victoria and Albert Museum, Christie's London and the Silver Trust Collection at Downing Street to create bespoke exhibitions that support its aims of promoting contemporary silver to a global audience.

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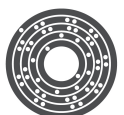
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