

Beastly bugs and Intriguing Insects In the Spotlight in Leeds Craft Gallery...

Beastly bugs and intriguing insects are the inspiration behind Toby Cotterill's contemporary jewellery on show with The Craft Centre and Design Gallery from the 3rd of November.

The gallery, now in its 36th year has a series of exciting Winter shows as part of their seasonal exhibition programme including In the Spotlight where Toby's work will be celebrated.

The show is a collection of seven artists creating collections of jewellery, keepsakes and special objects that captivate curious minds with their ability to translate ideas and inspirations into unique pieces of contemporary craft to own, admire, collect or gift to a loved one.

Toby creates unique articulated jewellery which has been inspired by the natural world so expect to see interesting insect earrings and stunning spider necklaces from this Yorkshire maker on display until the 5th January next year.

Toby uses traditional silversmithing techniques; forging sheet silver over steel stakes and into wooden formers using hammers and punches, to create his unique jewellery.

After soldering, fusing and finishing these are often articulated to create lively, humorous pieces of wearable sculpture.

Toby will be showcased alongside Sarah Perry, Marcus Steel, Francesca Marcenaro, Ruth Laird, Jo Pond and Tania Clarke Hall.

For further information on the gallery's exhibition programme you can sign up to their monthly newsletter via their website or visit the What's On page of their website www.craftcentreleeds.co.uk