Program

No. 1 September—December 2020

Back to School!

Courses
Workshops
 Talks
Exhibitions

L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts
31 rue Danielle Casanova, Paris 1"
Back to school!

Dear students, dear friends,

L'ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts is very pleased to welcome you with an exclusive program: to celebrate the start of the school year, we offer you during a limited period from September to November a selection of 19 courses at the preferential price of 50€ each, and some of them scheduled at the end of the day in order to fit everyone’s agenda.

L'ÉCOLE is including you in its fight against the school dropout issue, by donating the totality of the funds collected through your registrations during this period to a charity working for the educational support of young people.

The start of the school year will also be devoted to gemstones and minerals with three beautiful exhibitions to discover.

In Paris, the new « Jean Vendome, Jewelry Artis » exhibition will bring light to the universe of a true pioneer of modern jewelry, lover of minerals - which he never ceased to celebrate throughout his creations.

The « Gems » exhibition is organized by Van Cleef & Arpels and the Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle. Throughout its duration, L’ÉCOLE is co-organizing several workshops for children and Evening Conversations.

Simultaneously, in Hong Kong, the second permanent campus of L’ÉCOLE presents « Discover the Gemstones, Ruby & Sapphire », visitors to the exhibition will embark on a surprising journey to the heart of gemstones. Thanks to photomicrography and microscope observations, discover the secret inner beauty of these precious gemstones.

In the following pages, find out more about the entire range of our activities for the upcoming months: a very rich program to discover, learn and wonder!

Marie Vallanet-Delhom
President of L'ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts
**Schedule**

**Monday 14th**
2pm – 4pm: Introduction to Art Nouveau Jewelry
5pm – 7:30pm: First Steps into the World of Jewelry

**Tuesday 15th**
2pm – 4pm: Discover the technique of the mock-up in Jewelry
5pm – 7:30pm: Around the World in Jewelry

**Wednesday 16th**
2pm – 4pm: The Diamond’s Magic: Symbols & Legends
4:30pm – 7:30pm: The Gouaché in High Jewelry 1 – The Light

**Thursday 17th**
2pm – 4pm: Introduction to Gemology
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**Friday 18th**
2pm – 4pm: The Diamond: A gemological exception

**Monday 21st**
2pm – 4pm: Trying out the Jeweler’s Techniques
5pm – 7pm: Introduction to Art Nouveau Jewelry

**Tuesday 22nd**
5pm – 7pm: Introduction to Gemology

**Wednesday 23rd**
2pm – 4:30pm: Around the World in Jewelry
5pm – 7pm: Introduction to Setting
6pm – 8pm: Live Online Conversation “Jewels of the Renaissance”

**Thursday 24th**
12pm – 2pm: Live Online Conversation “Jewels of the Renaissance” (in English)
2pm – 4pm: Trying your hand at Japanese Urushi Lacquer
5pm – 7:30pm: First Steps into the World of Jewelry
7pm – 9pm: Live Online Conversation “Jewels of the Renaissance” (in English)

**Friday 25th**
9:30am – 4:30pm: From the Chef to the Master Jeweler: Hands-on excellence, in partnership with the Ritz Escoffier School
5pm – 7pm: The Diamond: A gemological exception

**Monday 28th**
2pm – 4pm: Introduction to Art Nouveau Jewelry
5pm – 7:30pm: First Steps into the World of Jewelry

**Tuesday 29th**
2pm – 4pm: Discover the technique of the mock-up in Jewelry
5pm – 7pm: Introduction to Gemology

**Wednesday 30th**
2pm – 4pm: Introduction to Setting
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2:30pm - 4:30pm: Behind the scenes at the exhibition «Jean Vendome, a Love for Unusual Stones»
2:30pm - 6:30pm: From French Jewels to Japanese Lacquer (English course)

Wednesday 2nd
9am - 1pm: Art Nouveau Jewelry: from School to Museum (English course)
9am - 1pm: Discover the Gemstones
9am - 1pm: Jewelry «Grand Feu» Enameling
2:30pm - 6:30pm: Amulets & Precious Symbols (English course)
2:30pm - 6:30pm: Jewelry «Grand Feu» Enameling (English course)

Monday 7th
9am - 1pm: Fascinating Diamonds 1: History and Legends (English course)
9am - 1pm: The Lapidary’s Art 1 – Discovery: History and Techniques
2:30pm - 6:30pm: Gold and Jewelry, from Antiquity to the Renaissance
2:30pm - 6:30pm: Ruby, a Fiery and Bewitching Stone (English course)

Tuesday 8th
9am - 12pm: The Gouaché in High Jewelry 1 – The Light (English course)
9am - 1pm: Fascinating Diamonds 2: Science and Gemology (English course)
9am - 1pm: The Lapidary’s Art 2 – Initiation: Cutting a Colored Stone
2:30pm - 4:30pm: Trying out the Jeweler’s techniques (English course)
2:30pm - 6:30pm: Entering the Van Cleef & Arpels Universe (English course)

Wednesday 9th
9am - 12pm: The Gouaché in High Jewelry 2 – The Color (English course)
9am - 1pm: Art Nouveau Jewelry: from School to Museum
9am - 1pm: Discover the Gemstones
2:30pm – 6:30pm: A History of Jewelry, from Louis XIV to Art Deco
6pm - 8pm: Live Online Conversation «Pearl Merchants» (In English)

Thursday 3rd
9am - 1pm: Recognize the Gemstones
9am - 1pm: Fascinating Diamonds 1: History and Legends
9am - 1pm: From Design to Mock-up (English course)
9am - 1pm: The Lapidary’s Art 1 – Discovery: History and Techniques (English course)
2:30pm - 4:30pm: Behind the scenes at the exhibition «Jean Vendome his story told by the Curator of the exhibition»
2:30pm - 6:30pm: Entering the Van Cleef & Arpels Universe

Friday 4th
9am - 1pm: Fascinating Diamonds 2: Science & Gemology
9am - 1pm: From Design to Mock-up (English course)
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2:30pm - 6:30pm: Ruby, a Fiery and Bewitching Stone (English course)

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6pm - 8pm: Live Online Conversation «Pearl Merchants» (In English)

Thursday 10th
9am - 1pm: Recognize the Gemstones (English course)
9am - 1pm: From the Wax Project to the Setting Techniques (English course)
12pm - 2pm: Live Online Conversation «Pearl Merchants» (In English)
2:30pm - 6:30pm: A History of Jewelry, from Louis XIV to Art Deco (English course)
7pm - 9pm: Live Online Conversation «Pearl Merchants» (In English)

Friday 11th
9am - 11:30pm: First steps into the world of Jewelry (English course)
9:30am - 4:30pm: From the Chef to the Master Jeweler: Hands-on excellence, in partnership with the Ritz Escoffier School
2:30pm - 4:30pm: Behind the scenes at the exhibition «Swords for Academicians, Symbolic Jewels»

Tuesday 15th
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Wednesday 16th
10am - 12pm: Workshop «Make your own precious clock» for ages 8 to 12 years old
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Thursday 17th
2:30pm - 4:30pm: Behind the scenes at the exhibition «The Poetics of Stones»

Register to our courses online on https://www.lecolevancleefarpels.com/fr/en/sign-up
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**Introduction**

First steps into the world of Jewelry
2h30 / 100€ (50€ during the « Back to school » program)
12 participants maximum
September: Monday 14th, Thursday 24th and Monday 28th
October: Monday 12th and Monday 26th
November: Thursday 5th, Monday 9th, Monday 23rd, Monday 30th
December: Friday 11th (In English)

Around the world in Jewelry
2h30 / 100€ (50€ during the « Back to school » program)
12 participants maximum
September: Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 23rd
October: Friday 23rd
November: Wednesday 4th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 18th and Tuesday 24th
December: Tuesday 1st

History of Jewelry

Introduction to Art Nouveau Jewelry
2h / 100€ (50€ during the « Back to school » program)
12 participants maximum
September: Monday 14th, Tuesday 22nd and Monday 28th
October: Tuesday 6th, Tuesday 13th and Tuesday 20th
November: Tuesday 3rd and Tuesday 10th

Art Nouveau Jewelry: from School to Museum
4h / 200€
12 participants maximum
December: Wednesday 2nd (In English) and Wednesday 9th

The World of Gemstones

Introduction to Gemology
2h / 100€ (50€ during the « Back to school » program)
12 participants maximum
September: Thursday 17th, Monday 21st and Tuesday 29th
October: Friday 16th and Wednesday 28th
November: Friday 6th and Thursday 26th

The Diamond's Magic: Symbols & Legends
2h / 100€ (50€ during the « Back to school » program)
12 participants maximum
September: Wednesday 16th and Wednesday 30th
October: Wednesday 14th and Friday 30th
November: Friday 13th and Wednesday 25th

Discover the Gemstones
4h / 200€
12 participants maximum
December: Wednesday 2nd and Wednesday 9th (In English)

The World of Gemstones

Recognize the Gemstones
4h / 200€
12 participants maximum
December: Thursday 3rd and Thursday 10th (In English)

Gold and Jewelry, from Antiquity to the Renaissance Princes
4h / 200€
12 participants maximum
November: Monday 30th
(In English)
December: Monday 7th

A History of Jewelry from Louis XIV to Art Deco
4h / 200€
12 participants maximum
December: Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th (In English)

Amulets & Precious Symbols
4h / 200€
12 participants maximum
December: Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd (In English)

Entering the Van Cleef & Arpels Universe
4h / 200€
12 participants maximum
December: Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd (In English)

The Diamond: A genealogical exception
2h / 100€ (50€ during the « Back to school » program)
12 participants maximum
September: Friday 18th and Friday 25th
October: Friday 2nd, Friday 9th and Wednesday 21st
November: Tuesday 17th and Friday 27th

Fascinating Diamonds 1: History and Legends
4h / 200€
12 participants maximum
December: Thursday 3rd and Monday 7th (In English)

Unless otherwise stated, all the courses are held in French.
COURSES & WORKSHOPS

Fascinating Diamonds 2: Science and Gemology
4h / 200€
12 participants maximum
December: Friday 4th and Tuesday 8th (In English)

Ruby, a Fiery & Bewitching Stone
4h / 200€
12 participants maximum
November: Monday 30th
Monday December 7th (In English)

12 participants maximum

Trying out the Jeweler’s techniques
2h / 100€ (50€ during the « Back to school » program)
8 participants maximum
September: Monday 21st
October: Monday 5th
November: Monday 2nd, Monday 16th and Monday 30th
December: Tuesday 8th (In English)

Discover the technique of the mock-up in jewelry
2h / 100€ (50€ during the « Back to school » program)
8 participants maximum
September: Tuesday 15th and Tuesday 29th
October: Monday 19th
November: Wednesday 18th

Introduction to Setting
2h / 100€ (50€ during the « Back to school » program)
8 participants maximum
September: Wednesday 23rd and Wednesday 30th
October: Friday 9th and Wednesday 21st
November: Wednesday 18th

Trying your hand at Japanese Urushi Lacquer
2h / 100€ (50€ during the « Back to school » program)
8 participants maximum
September: Thursday 24th
October: Thursday 1st and Tuesday 6th
November: Friday 6th and Friday 20th

The Gouaché in High Jewelry 1 – The Light
3h / 100€ (50€ during the « Back to school » program)
6 participants maximum
September: Wednesday 16th
October: Wednesday 14th
November: Thursday 12th
December: Tuesday 8th (In English)

The Gouaché in High Jewelry 2 – The Color
3h / 100€ (50€ during the « Back to school » program)
6 participants maximum
September: Thursday 17th
October: Thursday 15th
November: Friday 13th
December: Wednesday 9th (In English)

From Design to Mock-Up
4h / 200€
12 participants maximum
December: Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th (In English)

From the Wax Project to the Setting Techniques
4h / 200€
8 participants maximum
December: Thursday 3rd and Thursday 10th (In English)

Jewelry & « Grand Feu » Enameling
4h / 200€
8 participants maximum
December: Wednesday 2nd (In French and in English)

The Lapidary’s Art 1 – Discovery: History and Techniques
4h / 200€
6 participants maximum
December: Friday 4th (In English) and Monday 7th

The Lapidary’s Art 2 – Initiation: Cutting a Colored Stone
4h / 200€
6 participants maximum
December: Tuesday 8th

Having Access to Van Cleef & Arpels Creations
4h / 200€
6 participants maximum
December: Tuesday 1st (In English) and Friday 11th

From the Chef to the Master Jeweler: Hands-on Excellence, in partnership with the Ritz Escoffier School
1 day (from 9:30am to 4:30pm)
420€ 4 participants max
September: Friday 25th
October: Friday 23rd
November: Friday 20th
December: Friday 11th

Create your Jewel (from ages 5 to 8 years old)
October: Monday 19th and Monday 26th

Cravats & Swords (from ages 5 to 8 years old)
October: Wednesday 21st and Thursday 29th

Crowns & Swords (from ages 5 to 8 years old)
October: Tuesday 20th and Tuesday 27th

Discovering the World of Gems (from ages 12 to 16 years old)
October: Monday 19th, Friday 23rd, Monday 26th and Friday 30th

The Mock-Up: First sculptural vision of the Jewel (from ages 12 to 16 years old)
October: Tuesday 20th, Thursday 22nd, Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th

Make your own precious clock (from ages 8 to 12 years old)
October: Tuesday 20th and Tuesday 27th

Make your own treasure chest (from ages 8 to 12 years old)
October: Thursday 22nd and Friday 30th

* 2h - 15€
Jean Vendome, whose real name was Ohan Tuhdarian, created his first jewelry collection in 1950, and worked tirelessly right up until his death in 2017. His multifaceted talent combined eccentric and surrealist elements with contemporary graphic design, giving his jewels a refined and intricately designed appearance.

From October 8 to December 18, L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts will bring to light the universe of this adventurous creator, who, as a true artist, set about creating his own world. He bucked fashion trends with his own personal and pioneering style. Simple yet sophisticated, powerful yet intricate, eccentric yet well-designed, constructed and deconstructed, Jean Vendome’s jewelry is always emotional. In order to be appreciated fully, it must be loved and understood, as it is the jewelry that chooses the wearer.

The private collections on display will emphasize the visionary side of his creations. One hundred and thirty pieces will be on show, including Aléna Caillois’ wonderful necklace. The retrospective will also feature pieces from public collections at institutions including the Musée des Arts Décoratifs in Paris, as well as the sword of the academician Roger Caillois, on special loan from the Musée des Confluences in Lyon.

From kinetic pop art to the dream of the Apollo 13 space mission, his jewelry pieces evolved into Constellations, Aurore Boreale and Espace during the 1970s. The geometric shapes of the skyscrapers in Les Tours betray his passion for urban architecture and the race upwards. The 1980s were the years of “imaginary walks”, where he played on the mimetic analogy of agates, fragments of eternity, and matte and polished gold jewels with “phantom” quartz, rutilated quartz and dendritic agate. The 1990s are marked by the use of ever stronger colors, which Jean Vendome called his “vagrant” or “wild” colors. It was a time of escapism and dreaming.

The exhibition will showcase a wide range of his pieces. Visitors will be able to retrace his innovative exploration of shapes and his avant-garde approach to changing scale and traditions in order to adapt his jewelry for the modern and liberated women of the 1970s. Jean Vendome’s prolific creations resonate like a poetic and meaningful echo of the major artistic movements of the second half of the 20th century.

A special issue of the magazine Connaissance des Arts, dedicated to the exhibition, will be given to all visitors to guide them during their visit.

Exhibition from October 8th to December 18th, 2020
Tuesday-Saturday / 1pm – 7pm
Free admission by reservation only on: www.lecolevancleefarpels.com

Image above.
Jean Vendome, Roger Caillois’ sword, 1971, white gold, steel, tourmalines, quartz, peridot, garnet, beryls, amethyst, obsidian, diamonds, moldavite and leather. Lyon, Musée des Confluences. Photo Benjamin Chelly

Image opposite.
Jean Vendome, Cinétique ring, 1976, yellow gold Private collection Photo Benjamin Chelly

A sculptor in search of fascinating inclusions, radiance, materials and colors, Jean Vendome, alchemist and jeweler, will never cease to amaze you.
« Behind the scenes at the exhibition »

6 special courses to discover the secrets of Jean Vendome’s unique universe

Jean Vendome, his Story told by the Curator of the Exhibition
With Sophie Lefèvre, specialist curator for the exhibition and head of communications at the Center for Research and Restoration of Museums of France (C2RMF).

- **Friday October 16th**
  5:30pm - 7:30pm
- **Friday December 4th**
  2:30pm - 4:30pm
- **Friday December 11th**
  2:30pm - 4:30pm

The Poetic of stones
With Isabelle Bardiès-Fronty, Head Curator of the Cluny Museum

- **Tuesday October 13th**
  2:30pm - 4:30pm
- **Thursday November 5th**
  6:30pm - 8:30pm
- **Thursday December 17th**
  2:30pm - 4:30pm

The Art of Jean Vendome: Jewelry of the Avant-Garde?
With an art historian, teacher at L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts

- **Tuesday October 27th**
  2:30pm - 4:30pm
- **Thursday November 19th**
  6:30pm - 8:30pm

Jean Vendome, a Love for Unusual Stones
With a gemology expert, teacher at L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts

- **Tuesday November 3rd**
  6:30pm - 8:30pm
- **Tuesday December 1st**
  2:30pm - 4:30pm

Design in the Creative Process of Jean Vendome
With an art historian, teacher at L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts

- **Thursday October 29th**
  2:30pm - 4:30pm
- **Thursday November 26th**
  6:30pm - 8:30pm

Jean Vendome’s swords for Academicians, symbolic jewels
With Catherine Cardinal, Professor Emeritus and Art Historian

- **Tuesday November 24th**
  2:30pm - 4:30pm
- **Tuesday December 8th**
  6:30pm - 8:30pm
- **Tuesday December 15th**
  2:30pm - 4:30pm

Duration: 2h
Price: 50€
Language: French

Jean Vendome, Méditerranée necklace, 1992, yellow gold, azurite malachite, rough azurite and green apophyllite. Private collection. Photo Benjamin Chelly

Jean Vendome, Aléna Caillois necklace, 1972, yellow gold and bicolored watermelon tourmalines. Private collection. Photo Benjamin Chelly
L’ÉCOLE’s Live Online Conversations

In order to respect physical distancing rules, L’ÉCOLE is replacing its usual Evening Conversations happening at L’ÉCOLE by Live Online Conversations from September to December. One theme per month, held once in French and twice in English, in different time slots to work for all time zones.

Free Live Online Conversations, by registration.

September
Jewels of the Renaissance
With Cécile Lugand, Jewelry Art Historian and Teacher at L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts & Gislain Aucremanne, Jewelry Art Historian and Teacher at L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts

Wednesday September 23rd
In French, 6pm–8pm
Thursday September 24th
In English, 12pm-2pm and 7pm-9pm

October
Diamond, Art & Science
With Olivier Segura, Gemologist, Scientific Director of L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts & Inezita Gay-Eckel, Jewelry Art Historian and Teacher at L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts

Wednesday October 14th
In French, 6pm-8pm
Thursday October 15th
In English, 12pm-2pm and 7pm-9pm

November
New York Architecture & Art Deco Jewelry
With Inezita Gay-Eckel, Jewelry Art Historian and Teacher at L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts & Léonard-Pouy, Jewelry Art Historian and Teacher at L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts

Wednesday November 18th
In French, 6pm-8pm
Thursday November 19th
In English, 12pm-2pm and 7pm-9pm

December
Pearl Merchants
With Olivier Segura, Gemologist, Scientific Director of L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts & Gislain Aucremanne, Jewelry Art Historian and Teacher at L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts

Wednesday December 9th
In French, 6pm-8pm
Thursday December 10th
In English, 12pm-2pm and 7pm-9pm

EXHIBITION

« Gems »
organized by the Muséum national d’Histoire naturelle and Van Cleef & Arpels

In collaboration with Van Cleef & Arpels, the « Gems » exhibition immerses visitors in several fields which are closely connected and yet rarely brought together: mineralogy, gemology and the art of jewelry making. Diamonds, rubies, emeralds, aquamarines, turquoise etc. Extracted from the depths of the earth, coveted and sought after for thousands of years, gems (precious stones worked on by human hands) have always been considered as instruments of power and objects of seduction. Furthermore, since the 18th century, they have become the subject of various scientific studies.

Through a contemporary scenography, this exhibition brings together over 360 minerals, gems and objets d’art from the Natural History Museum’s collections and more than 200 gems and jewelry creations from the House of Van Cleef & Arpels.

As part of the program surrounding this exhibition, L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts will co-organize several children workshops and Evening Conversations at the Muséum.

NEW INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION
Since November 2019, L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts has opened a second permanent campus in Hong Kong offering courses, talks and exhibitions all year long just like in Paris.

Embark on a journey with two of the most coveted precious gemstones, ruby and sapphire, with L’ÉCOLE’s brand new exhibition, illustrating the marriage between nature’s gift and human creativity.

Get ready to plunge into the fascinating microworld of rubies and sapphires and discover their inner beauty throughout an exhibition combining gemology, photography, art and science.

From June 10th to October 26th

Courses and talks: find out more here
François Farges,
Doctor in Fundamental Geochemistry, Professor at the Muséum national d’Histoire naturelle & Member of the Institut Universitaire de France

A word about your professional career?
After completing a thesis in geochemistry at the University of Paris VII, I was a post-doctoral researcher at Stanford University where I worked on the atomic structure of certain minerals including rubies and emeralds. After acting as lecturer at the University of Marne la Vallée, I became a Research Director at the Ecole des Mines de Paris, then a professor at Stanford University and an Honorary Member of the Institut Universitaire de France. Since 2006, I have been a professor at the National Museum of Natural and Scientific History in charge of the French national gems collection.

You and L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts?
Since 2015, L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts became interested in our work on Louis XIV’s large blue diamond, for which we received the prestigious Gübelin Prize in 2010. After a few talks presented within the framework of L’ÉCOLE, we responded to their request for collaboration for the Van Cleef & Arpels exhibition in Singapore - “The Art and Science of Gems” - but also co-published on Tavernier’s diamonds in 2017, a project sponsored by L’ÉCOLE. Since that time, I have been a member of the Scientific Council of L’ÉCOLE.

Your next project or the project you dream of working on?
I am completing various projects, including exhibitions and written works under embargo because we are often copied: in fact, gemology at the Museum, the oldest laboratory in the world in this field, lacks resources today. In the meantime, we are finishing a major exhibition “Gems” which will take place in the Jardin des Plantes in Paris from September 2020 with an exceptional contribution from Van Cleef & Arpels as well as Mines ParisTech, the Paris Legion of Honor Museum and L’ÉCOLE, which will take part in four joint talks linked to this exhibition which is rich in related side events.

Ingrid,
An Italian living in Paris, Ingrid is a Digital Business Developer

How did you discover L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts?
Not long after I moved to Paris, I visited “la Biennale des Antiquaires”, the 2014 edition, where almost every famous High Jewelry Maison was represented. Right after, I said to myself that I should take advantage of living in Paris to follow my passion, as I realized I have always loved gemstones and the jewelry universe. When I looked on Google I found L’ÉCOLE, and it stood out from the others thanks to its mission: “to share the culture of jewelry”. I decided to attend an introductory course and it was love at first sight!

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Which courses did you take, and which one did you prefer?
My very first class was “First Steps into the World of Jewelry”, followed by the courses of the theme “The World of Gemstones” and the course “Trying out the Jeweler’s Techniques”. The two classes on diamonds were my favorite. The teaching methods are excellent: I was able to observe diamonds, compare them to other colorless stones, see the difference in terms of brilliance and discover what we call the “fires” of this unique stone.

What did the different courses you have taken brought you?
It was a very positive experience thanks to high quality teaching methods and a warm welcome. I also liked the different activities offered by L’ÉCOLE: from courses to talks to exhibitions. To attend courses at L’ÉCOLE is something I find very fulfilling and which allows me not only to learn more about the jewelry world, but also about the French culture and history. It also changed the way I look at Art (I now like to observe the jewelry in paintings, which is something I didn’t do before) and allowed me to meet wonderful people. Above all, it’s a way for me to dedicate time to my passion, to culture and to myself.
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The mission of L’ÉCOLE, School of Jewelry Arts is to share the culture of jewelry with a large and varied audience, both in France and abroad. By offering hands-on à la carte classes taught by passionate experts, videos and books, talks and exhibitions, L’ÉCOLE welcomes the public to learn about the savoir faire of jewelry-making techniques, the world of gemstones, and the history of jewelry.

There are no prerequisites for education or skills. All our students need is a desire to learn.

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