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15 Nov - 9 Dec 2023

Wellington-based jeweller Karl Fritsch was born in Germany and classically trained at the Goldsmith's College in Pforzheim, and then attended the Academy of Fine Arts in Munich. He has exhibited extensively, presented guest lectures around the world and his work is held in private and public collections internationally, including the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam; Pinakothek of Modern Art in Munich; Victoria and Albert Museum, London; Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; Metropolitan Museum in New York and Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa.

Fritsch has been the recipient of a number of awards including the Herbert Hoffman Prize from the International Craftsmen Trade Fair in Munich and the prestigious jury-selected Francoise van den Bosch Award (2006), given every 2 years to an international jewellery and object maker who is recognised for his/ her oeuvre, influence and contribution to the field.

Karl Fritsch has gained international recognition for his ever-developing body of work, which has focussed almost solely on rings. Fritsch's jewellery is unmistakable. His works vary from hand-moulded one-off castings, to re-cast, contrastingly daintier jewel-embedded rings, to towering stacks of cut and colourful glass. His ability to continually create new rings is vast and varied. Combining traditional techniques, playing on jewellery history, he has developed has own personal language. He is capable of applying both careful and quick consideration to the materials and objects he works with, and employs precious and base metals, facetted and found stones in his work with egalitarian abandon, turning the most ordinary into the extraordinary.

#1 Ring, 2023 18ct gold, diamonds NZ \$4,220



#2 Ring, 2023 White gold, synthetic rubies and sapphires NZ \$3,640



#3 Ring, 2023 9ct white and yellow gold cubic zirconia NZ \$3,440



#4
Ring, 2023
Silver, synthetic rubies and sapphires, cubic zirconia
NZ \$1,840



#5 Ring, 2023 18ct gold, silver synthetic rubies and sapphires NZ \$3,480



#6 Ring, 2023 18ct gold, cubic zirconia NZ \$3,700





#7 Ring, 2023 Platinum, gold synthetic rubies and sapphires NZ \$3,720



#8 Ring, 2023 Silver, gold, cubic zirconia NZ \$3,380



#9 Ring, 2023 18ct gold, diamond NZ \$3,800







#11 Ring, 2023 Silver, cubic ziconia NZ \$3,000



#12 Ring, 2023 18ct white gold, silver synthetic sapphire, cubic zirconia NZ \$3,580



#13 Ring, 2023 White gold, silver, cubic zirconia NZ \$3,280



#14 Ring, 2023 9ct gold, diamonds NZ \$3,880



#15 Ring, 2023 18ct gold, silver, cubic zirconia NZ \$3,480



#16 Ring, 2023 White gold, silver, cubic zirconia NZ \$3,440



#17 Ring, 2023 Gold, synthetic ruby NZ \$3,440



#18 Ring, 2023 Gold, cubic zirconia NZ \$3,840



#19 Ring, 2023 Gold, diamond NZ \$3,280



#20 Ring, 2016 Silver, diamonds NZ \$1,680



#21 Ring, 2014 18ct gold, cubic zirconia NZ \$3,700



#22 Ring, 2018 Silver, sapphire NZ \$1,500





#23 Ring, 2016 9ct palladium white gold, diamond NZ \$2,960



#24 Ring, 2014 18ct gold, cubic zirconia NZ \$3,700



#25 Ring, 2016 Sterling silver, ruby NZ \$1,500





#26 Ring, 2023 Silver, synthetic ruby NZ \$1,350



#27 Ring, 2015 Silver, fine silver NZ \$1,500



#28 Ring, 2022 9ct palladium white gold NZ \$3,080



#29 Ring, 2015 Sterling silver, rubies NZ \$2,340





#30 Ring, 2022 Sterling silver, carnelian NZ \$2,170



#31 Ring, 2022 Sterling silver, ruby NZ \$2,000



#32 Ring, 2007 Sterling silver, diamonds NZ \$4,200



#33 Ring, 2023 Sterling silver NZ \$2,000



#34 Ring, 2023 Sterling silver, synthetic sapphires NZ \$3,170



#35 Ring, 2009 Sterling silver, chrysophase NZ \$3,000



#36 Ring, 2016 Sterling silver, ruby, sapphires NZ \$3,000



#37 Ring, 2002 Sterling silver, onyx, agate NZ \$4,000



#38 Ring, 2002 Sterling silver, tigerseye jasper, onyx NZ \$4,670



#39 Ring, 2002 Sterling silver, onyx, jasper NZ \$3,674



#40 Ring, 2023 Sterling silver, diamond synthetic sapphire, CZ NZ \$3,000



#41 Ring, 2023 Sterling silver, cubic zirconia synthetic ruby NZ \$2,000



#42 Ring, 2023 White gold, diamonds NZ \$3,760



#43 Ring, 2007 Gold, silver, cubic zirconia NZ \$4,060



#44 Ring, 2023 Gold, silver, diamonds NZ \$3,880



#46 Ring, 2004/2023 Sterling silver, cubic zirconia NZ \$3,340





#47 Ring, 2023 Sterling silver, cubic zirconia NZ \$2,340



#48 Ring, 2023 Sterling silver, cubic zirconia, synthetic sapphire NZ \$2,340



#49 Ring, 2023 White gold, diamonds NZ \$3,580



#50 Ring, 2023 Gold, diamonds NZ \$3,980







#52 Ring, 2023 Sterling silver, cubic zirconia NZ \$2,340



#54 Ring, 2023 Silver, synthetic rubies, sapphires cubic zirconia NZ \$2,500



#55 Ring, 2023 Silver, synthetic rubies, sapphires cubic zirconia NZ \$2,000



#58 Ring, 2023 Sterling silver, cubic zirconia NZ \$2,000



#60 Ring, 2018 Palladium white gold, cubic zirconia NZ \$4,400



#61 Ring, 2023 Sterling silver, gold, ruby cubic zirconia NZ \$4,180



#62 Ring, 2023 Sterling silver, brass synthetic rubies, cubic zirconia NZ \$5,000



#63 Ring, 2023 Sterling silver, cubic zirconia synthetic sapphires NZ \$2,340



#64 Ring, 2023 Sterling silver, gold, synthetic rubies and sapphires, cubic zirconia NZ \$4,320



#65 Ring, 2016 Sterling silver NZ \$1,500





#67 Ring, 2007 Sterling silver, diamonds, fake rubies NZ \$4,175



#68 Ring, 2007 Sterling silver, ruby, citrine NZ \$3,670



#69 Ring, 2015 Sterling silver, cubic zirconia NZ \$5,000



#70 Ring, 2015 Sterling silver, cubic zirconia NZ \$4,675









#82 Ring, 2008 Sterling silver, glass stones cubic zirconia, paint NZ \$5,670





#99-103 Single Earrings, 2023 Sterling silver, gold, cubic zirconia NZ \$1,500 each





#108 Ring, 2011 Brass, opal, coral, chalcedon NZ \$3,000

> #107 Ring, 2007 Sterling silver, oxidised NZ \$4,000



#106 Ring, 2005 Sterling silver, alpakka NZ \$4,340



#105 Ring, 2009 Sterling silver, brass NZ \$4,000



#104 Ring, 2009 Sterling silver, brass NZ \$3,675



#98 Bangle, 2016Sterling silver, ruby, sapphires
NZ \$3,000

#97 Bangle, 1994 Sterling silver NZ \$2,500

#96 Bangle, 1994 Sterling silver NZ \$2,500

#95 Bangle, 2007 Sterling silver, oxidised NZ \$2,170

#94 Bangle, 2016 Sterling silver, sapphire NZ \$2,670

#93 Bangle, 2016Sterling silver, ruby
NZ \$2,670



#112 Bangle, 1995 Sterling silver, oxidised NZ \$5,000

#111 Bangle, 1994 Sterling silver, oxidised NZ \$4,675

#110 Bangle, 1995 Sterling silver, oxidised NZ \$3,000

#109 Bangle, 1995 Sterling silver, oxidised NZ 32,000