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## Public forum featuring renowned jewellers

Two renowned international jewellers are helping teach a jewellery-making masterclass at the UTAS School of Art this week in Hobart.

Lisa Walker and Karl Fritsch are well-known mavericks in the world of art-jewellery.

Fritsch's rings in particular are unusual- defying the usual definition of the ring, his pieces are often misshapen and playfully oversized.

Fritsch often uses existing jewellery to create unique "renovations" and make the piece his own.

Walker is an artist, designer and jeweller and her work has been exhibited in museums and galleries around the world. Using a wide range of materials, she creates atypical pieces (including a whole laptop strung through with thread to make a necklace) that challenge the traditional notion of jewellery.

The Jewellery Masterclass is part of the UTAS creative arts summer school program.

Held during January, the creative arts workshops offer participants the opportunity to explore a wide range of artistic disciplines including visual art, design and theatre.

**Free public event:** Fritsch and Walker will be hosting a free public forum about their work at the School of Art's Dechaineux lecture theatre from 5.30-6.30pm on Wednesday 11 January 2012, followed by an exhibition opening of their works at Entrepot gallery on Hunter St. The lecture theatre is in the School's cafeteria area in the entrance foyer.

**For more information about the artists, visit:**

<http://www.lisawalker.de/home.html> and <http://www.klimt02.net/jewellers/karl-fritsch>

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