



Riga based jewelry designer Anita Sondore was born in Preili, one of the oldest settlements in Latvia. Anita is a graduate of the University of Latvia with a BA in visual and applied arts and technical drawing, and has an MBA from the Riga International School of Economics and Business Administration. Her jewelry training started at the Auzers Jewelry Art Center in Riga, followed by gold smith classes at the Ermini School of Jewelry in Rome and classes at the famed Van Cleef & Arpels atelier in Paris and Le Arti Orafe Jewellery School, Firenze, Italy . Finaly at Arts Academy of Latvia , Design Department, Metal Design , MD.

Riga, heralded as the jewel of the north for its rich cultural heritage and UNESCO designation, has an imperial past whose Art Nouveau architecture and ethnographic elements are a constant inspiration for Anita Sondore's jewelry collections. Her jewelry pays homage to Riga's lavish past but is interpreted with a modern sensibility to empower the women who wear it . Calling herself a court painter, someone who records history's important events, Anita Sondore brings out the timeless splendor of gemstones and precious metals to create jewelry that tells breath-taking stories about life, nature, history and other emotional experiences.

#### **Exhibitions and awards:**

2017., 01.06.-08.07., Art Academy of Latvia Designers Graduation Show, Riga, Latvia

2017., 23.02-26.0., 2 exhibition Artistar Jewels 2017, Giureconsulti Palace in Milan, Italy

**2016., 30.09.- 03.10., Tranoi Women , Paris , INTERNATIONAL FASHION TRADE SHOWS, , Carrousel du Louvre, France**

2016, 28.09.-01.10., - October 1 A' Winners' Exhibition at Bologna Design Week, Italy.

2016 , 02.07. – 10.08.- A' Winners' Exhibition at Cube Design Museum, Museumplein, Kerkrade, Netherlands.

2016, 04.09.- 09.09.,- Taste Latvia” days in Beijing, SOGO , China

2016, 09.06-28.06., June.A' Winners' Exhibition at "MOOD" Ex Chiesa di San Francesco, Como, Italy.

2016, A'Design Award , Eyewear , Jewelry and watch category , silver

2015,, 06.09. – 08.09., - International Jewelry London, London, UK 2015,

2015, 29.05. – 01.06., - JCK Las Vegas, Las Vegas, USA , Editors Choice Award- Voted Top 3

2015, 18.04. – 25.04., - A' Design Winners' Exhibition at "MOOD", Ex Chiesa di San Francesco, Como, Italy

2015, A'Design Award , Eyewear , Jewelry and watch category , silver , bronze

2015, 14.01. – 18.01., - Los Angeles Jewelry, Antiques, Design; Los Angeles, USA 2014, 27 – 29 July;

2014, 27.06.-29.06., - JA NY Summer Show , New York, USA , nominated for the 2014 Mort Abelson New Designer of the Year Award by Jewelers of America

