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***Ping-Pong: David Hardcastle & Samuel Guillén | 2 Jewelers in Conversation Exhibition***  
**Opens In the Gallery at Brooklyn Metal Works**

*Ping-Pong an exhibition of new works by jewelry artists David Hardcastle & Samuel Guillén opens at Brooklyn Metal Works in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn with an opening reception on Saturday, April 8, (7-9pm).*

BROOKLYN, NY - The public is invited to view this one-of-a-kind contemporary art jewelry exhibition. The works featured are the results of a jewelry dialogue and exchange between two artists. Utilizing the process of jewelry making to initiate a conversation, David Hardcastle and Samuel Guillén exchanged a piece of jewelry made by each and given to the other to spark a response that takes the form of another, new piece of jewelry.



Beginning in 2015 the first two pieces, Ping #1, were exchanged, resulting in two new pieces, Pong #1. Continuing through 2017 this project consists of 5 iterations, or conversations, for a total of 20 pieces on view. Each Ping-Pong grouping is the exploration of process in terms of aesthetic achievements, discoveries, and technical specificity.

The opening reception for *Ping-Pong* is on Saturday April 8th from 7-9pm In the Gallery at Brooklyn Metal Works, and will be on view through May 21, 2017. Gallery hours are 11am-6pm Tuesday through Sunday, or by appointment.

Statement from the artists:

“Ping-Pong is a conversation, a jewelers’ interlocution. Each piece has a purpose within a dialogue in which each jeweler, while keeping his own investigations and obsessions, his own style and aesthetics, assimilates the other jeweler’s experience in a constantly growing and enriching process.

Ping-Pong is meant to result in a system of jewels, distinctively personal and at the same time grounded in a relational and generous creative exchange.”

In conjunction with the exhibition, Brooklyn Metal Works invites the public to attend a lecture by the artists In the Gallery (640 Dean Street, Brooklyn) on Friday April 28 at 7pm. Hardcastle and Guillén will discuss the premise of *Ping-Pong*, as well as their individual work and creative processes. Their lecture will include a presentation of the works on view followed by a question and answer session.

Samuel Guillén (Caracas, 1977) is a Venezuelan jewelry maker and designer who lives and works in New York. An accomplished silversmith, Guillén conceives, designs and materially produces all his pieces in limited editions, featuring repetitive patterns through hollow construction techniques in sterling silver.

Guillén’s work has been shown at the Centro Cultural Secaderos in Caracas (Venezuela) and at the Instituto Tomie Ohtake design store in São Paulo (Brazil). His last solo exhibition, titled "Samuel Guillén: Recent Jewelry 2015" took place at Davis and Langdale Company in New York.

David Hardcastle studied art in England before moving to New York in the 1980’s where he continued to paint and sculpt while embarking on a career as a graphic designer.

And then came jewelry. Hardcastle continues to be enthralled by the problem-solving discipline of jewelry design and the captivating physicality of a sculptured object. From this perspective, and with considerable technical and metal fabrication skills, Hardcastle

creates miniature worlds of wonder whose weight and substance that can be held in the hand, felt around the neck, wrist, and finger.

Brooklyn Metal Works is a metalsmithing and contemporary jewelry studio that offers concept-based classes and workshops, studio rentals, exhibitions and guest lecturers to promote artists, designers and makers. For more information please email [info@bkmetalworks.com](mailto:info@bkmetalworks.com) or call 347.762.4757.

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