

## **IGI Calls on Designers to Enter Global Online Jewelry Design Competition**

*Submissions for Annual IGI Expressions™ Awards Open Sept. 22, 2021.*

**New York (September 21, 2021)** — The International Gemological Institute (IGI), the world's largest independent gemological laboratory, is seeking the most talented designers to challenge their work and creativity via its annual IGI Expressions™ Awards. This year's theme, "The Freedom to Dream" was selected to inspire interpretations of the word "dream" through an original piece or set of jewelry. The Institute will be accepting jewelry excellence award submissions from Sept. 22 - Oct. 22, 2021 at [www.igi.org/expressions](http://www.igi.org/expressions).

"IGI is passionate about contributing to the future of the diamond industry by supporting the next generation. This competition provides the opportunity for winners to have their designs manufactured and a platform to showcase their work," said IGI North American President Avi Levy. "Our competition promotes creation without any restrictions on style or jewelry selection."

The competition is open to everyone, from young students and up-and-coming designers to seasoned professionals. Artists will be able to upload a hand-drawn sketch or a Computer Assisted Design (CAD) file in one of three categories, millennial light weight jewelry, cocktail wear or bridal. Judges will advance a number of preliminary entries to a final round, after which six champions will be determined; the winning hand-drawn sketch and the winning CAD file in each category.

"The Institute is eager to experience the range of emotions conveyed in the designers' artistry," continued Levy. "Each year we receive dynamic concepts explored in various pieces of jewelry and our exceptional judges are required to make very difficult decisions."

All participants will receive an official IGI Expressions™ Certificate. Finalists will receive Finalist Certificates and exposure on social channels. The six winners will see their designs fabricated by a contest partner, receive Champion Certificates and Champion Awards, a cash honorarium, exposure on social channels and recognition via press coverage, the Premium IGI D-Show and IGI Origin International Magazine. The winners will be announced on Oct. 28, 2021.

To learn more, please visit [www.igi.org/expressions](http://www.igi.org/expressions).

**About IGI**

The International Gemological Institute (IGI) has 20 laboratories in all major diamond and jewelry centers around the world, as well as 14 education facilities. For 45 years, IGI has provided the fine jewelry community and consumers with a broad range of services including independent diamond grading reports, colored stone reports, identification and appraisal reports, diamond authentication and attestation of origin, laser inscription services, as well as the issuing of the traditional jewelry identification report. Regardless of location or marketplace, an authentic IGI Laboratory Report is the common language of trust and confidence in the gemological world.