



## **Helfried Kodré**

### **Jewellery and Sculpture**

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**Helfried Kodré** is a pioneering Austrian exponent of contemporary art jewelry. He learnt goldsmithing in the 1960s while studying art history and worked at first with Elisabeth Defner, to whom he was married at the time. From the mid-1970s Kodré abandoned goldsmithing for a while but after a rather lengthy break, in which he taught at university, he re-emerged in the early 1990s as a jewelry artist. At the outset of his career, his formal bent was towards natural symbolism and organic allusions. Since the early 1990s an entirely different aesthetic informs his work: articulation that is anything but ambivalent, precision of design and formal language. In the work Kodré has produced in the past fifteen years, on which this publication focuses, the play of volumes and their exciting relationships predominates in a rhythm of expansion, opening and overlapping.

A new publication in our art jewelry series, the book centers on the second phase of Kodré's career from 1990. It also traces his development as an artist from the 1960s. Featuring numerous color illustrations and essays written by experts in the field.

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