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Artist Statement: Irene is an artist who is constantly evolving. Her work is influenced by architecture, nature and fire. She likes to look at things from both a macroscopic and microscopic perspective, which yields confusion as well as inspiration. In battling with pain on a day to day basis due to Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) (Joint-Hyper mobility) not only does she put creativity into her work, but also has had to find creative ways to do the work. The motto for EDS is "Think Zebras, not Horses!" Meaning that a diagnosis such as EDS is actually rare and often misdiagnosed. So she decided to use the black and white theme of a zebra for her artwork. She was born and raised in a German household, going to the American schools. Everyone joins the military to go overseas, she joined overseas to come to the U.S. Most of her work usually has some aspect of circles or triangles in it, whether it is in the form of stones, metal, pattern or inlay. These are two shapes that have personal meaning and symbolism. Her work can be practical, serious, bold, outspoken, emotional and at times playful and whimsical, just like she can be.

		
Sterling silver and copper bracelet	Sterling silver earrings, hand forged, 2023	Sterling silver bracelet with 24 kt gold