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Enchanté Editor's Pick – DECEM



Paolo Grillo
Founder of DECEM
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1. Greystone Ring



2. Gold Memento



3. Freedom Ring



4. Lifeline Guardian

“DECEM: A new kind of metal poetry”

In metal and memory, DECEM creates pieces made for the complex, the real and the lived-in.

In a small workshop tucked away from the city's rush, Paolo Grillo crafts something rare. DECEM does not follow trends or seek polished perfection. It moves with the pulse of human complexity, the dark, the fragile, the real. “My work begins with the unseen,” Paolo explains. “With what lies beneath the surface, inside us.” DECEM jewellery is born from this honesty, pieces that hold weight and texture not just for form but for soul. These are not simply adornments. They are companions, forged to carry stories and imperfections.

There is a powerful presence in DECEM's design. Every piece feels alive. Raw silver and gold shift and change with wear, revealing new layers over time. The carved interiors and textured surfaces invite touch and contemplation, offering something hidden beneath what meets the eye. The Anatomical Heart ring embodies vulnerability and strength. The Vlad III ring expresses defiance and history. “The metal holds memory,” Paolo says. “It carries the wearer's journey.”

Craftsmanship at DECEM is a dialogue between instinct and precision, tradition and rebellion. Each jewel begins as a sculpted wax form, hands shaping myths, anatomy and symbolism into metal. The process is meticulous, guided by experience yet open to the unexpected. The finishes, from polished luscious to oxidised darkness and vintage patina, reflect emotional layers and narrative depth. These choices are not decoration. They are the soul of each piece.

DECEM's collection is a map of stories, history, mortality,

resilience and rebellion intertwined. Skulls appear as symbols not of death alone but of courage and authenticity.

The pieces challenge conventional beauty, embracing imperfection as truth. “True connection comes from honesty,” Paolo says. “From allowing the dark and light to coexist.” At the heart of DECEM's work lies a rich language of symbolism. Each motif carries meaning that goes beyond the surface. The anatomical details speak of humanity's fragility and strength. Skulls and bones stand for mortality but also for endurance and transformation. The recurring use of eyes and hands reflects perception and action, urging wearers to stay present and true to themselves. Paolo weaves these symbols with care, allowing the jewellery to become a personal talisman, a reminder of life's complexities and contradictions.

Materials are chosen not only for their beauty but also for their honesty and life story. DECEM uses mainly recycled silver and gold, honouring sustainability as part of the brand's philosophy. These metals age with the wearer, developing patinas that are unique to each piece and owner. The rough finishes and occasional surface imperfections are intentional, a testament to the natural character of the materials. This tactile authenticity invites connection with the jewellery, with time and with the wearer's own evolving narrative.

Clients choose DECEM not by fashion but by instinct. They are drawn to pieces that resonate with their inner complexity and personal story. The jewellery becomes an extension of identity, a talisman to wear and live with. The physicality matters. That is why Paolo created a tactile ring-sizing tool and printed magalog, tools that bring the brand's philosophy

into the hands and hearts of wearers beyond the screen.

Each piece invites interaction and presence, encouraging the wearer to slow down and connect. DECEM is not about fleeting trends but about lasting presence, pieces that mark moments, milestones and moods. The brand's commitment to honest expression and craftsmanship ensures that every jewel grows richer with time, a quiet companion to life's unfolding story. Looking ahead, DECEM continues to explore the shadows and light of human experience, crafting jewels that are never just objects but life companions. They are invitations to embrace complexity, to carry memory and to find beauty in what is real and raw.

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