

Get Punk'ed!

Burgeoning jewelry fad bedazzles clients of the Green Man

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Intricate, whimsical and elegant, the latest avant-garde induction featured at the Green Man is a line of jewelry under the moniker Overman. The name itself is the English translation of the German "Übermensch" a philosophical concept from Nietzsche's Thus Spoke Zarathustra but the artist behind the line is Charlottown native Matt Bowness.

The initial stages of Overman began in November of 2008 when Bowness made himself a pair of cufflinks to conceal his tattoos at work.

After many comments on the original pieces he furthered his efforts and quickly found a retailer for the product in an old friend, Kelly Caseley, owner of the Green Man.

Influenced by the concept of skeleton watches wherein the mechanical inner workings of the piece are

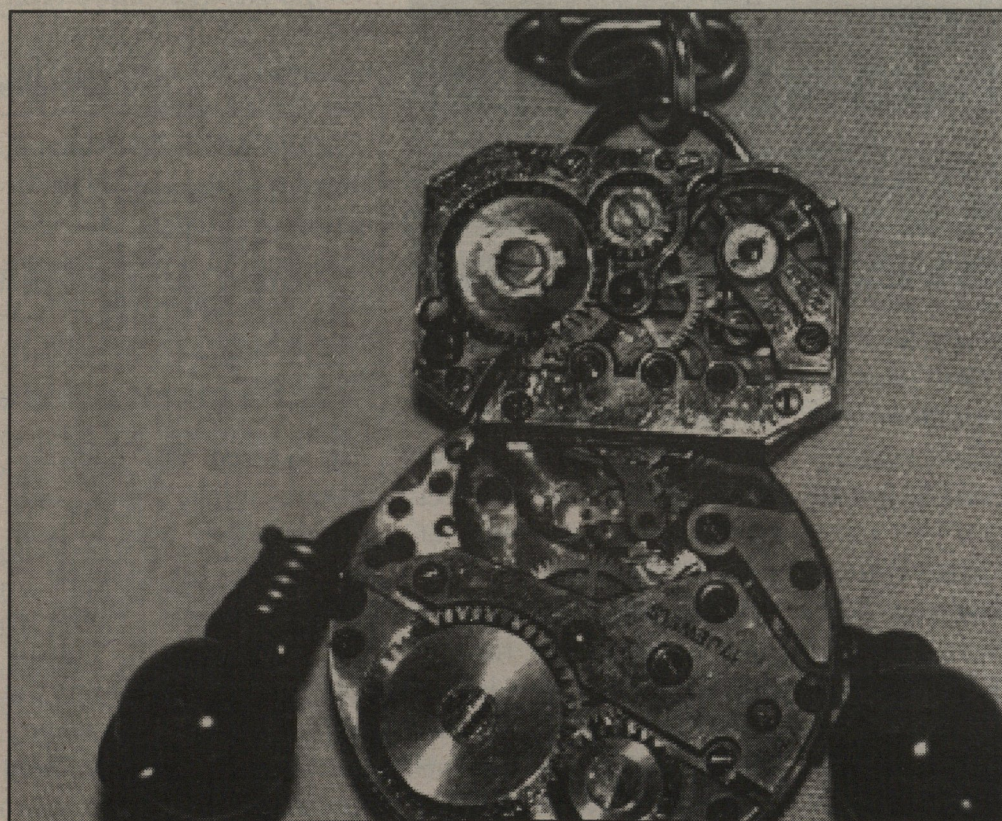
revealed as part of its semblance, Overman jewellery is constructed entirely of these ornate components. "I saw similar ones online, it was the smallness, how tiny the pieces were that inspired me" Bowness mused of the skeleton watches.

Using micro-soldering techniques, tiny metal wheels, springs, crowns and bridges from vintage timepieces are fused to create smart pendants, rings, cufflinks, earrings and much more.

These pieces are original and wearable, reinvented from grandpa's pocketwatch to modern flare.

Not only that but it's environmentally friendly, Overman reclaims what would be otherwise trashed metals for his creations and is looking to expand into stained glass or lamps.

Until these new creations emerge you can find Overman adornments at 48 University Ave. or online at overman.ca.



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