

# 彫金 Choukin

## “ Metal Carving ”

Choukin is a traditional decorative metal work carving patterns or letters with a chisel on metal work.

From ancient ages, it was widely used to decorate swords and armors, and also was apply to decorate jewelry, furniture, forehead, vases and figurines.

Although this tradition strongly continued up to 19<sup>th</sup> century, as the life style of the people changes, number of carving craftsman had decreased now.

My work inherits this traditional metal carving technique, and I hope to convey it in form of ornaments to the future generations.

Base metal I use in my work is 925silver. After the hand carving, 18k gold plate applied to prevent oxidation of silver and to protect the finish. I offer four types of gold plating finish, yellow gold, white gold, pink gold and black gold.

I also offer variations with natural sapphire (0.28 carat) mounted.

