



Case Code: M.I.M.O.S.A. 001-1

Item Name: "Urban Jewelry / Rusty Love"

Creator: Liesbet Bussche (@liesbet.bussche)

Creator Manifesto (sometimes called "**Artist Statement**"):

"Urban Jewelry / Rusty Love" is a monumental piece of jewelry that adorns Philadelphia's Navy Yard. For this artwork, Bussche interpreted the archetypal name necklace that you wear with your own name as a pendant on a chain. She transformed the words 'rusty love' into an enlarged pendant, referring to the history of the closed naval shipyard and to the many Marines and Sailors who kissed their partner goodbye on the quay before boarding for their journey. The name necklace is composed of a 7.2 ft wide Corten Steel pendant, rusty solid ship chain, and nautical clasps. It relates in size and appearance to the cranes, docks, and battleships that still populate the Navy Yard. Bussche's practice is based on cross-pollination between the city as a democratic context and jewelry as a social phenomenon. She is particularly interested in archetypal jewelry like the pearl necklace or charm bracelet because this type of jewelry contains both personal stories and iconic connections shared in our collective memory. Her research into the intimate and public nature of adornment results in "Urban Jewelry", amongst other things. In this series of site-specific installations, she creates disproportionately large jewels in urban environments, both self-initiated and on commission.

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