



Attai Chen

All the World's a Stage

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- The first monograph on Israeli jewellery artist Attai Chen
- Philosophical jewellery that reflects life and death, becoming and going
- Art historian Glenn Adamson and philosopher Sool Park introduce this extraordinary body of works

All the World's a Stage grants an in-depth insight into the fascinating oeuvre of the Israeli artist Attai Chen (1979–2023). The series of jewellery presented in the book take a poetical look at the perpetual becoming and passing of life and of things, reflecting the complexity of these existential themes, at times with humour, other times with foreboding. In 2022 the artist himself described it thus: "I was always fascinated by the endless cyclical flow of things, be they in nature or in the man-made world; the movement of growth aimed at the fleeting moment of its realisation, the consummation of this moment, followed by decay and finally a new beginning."

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