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Meet a Scientologist—the Beautiful Creations of Sylvia Petra Heneghan

Each piece of jewelry designed by Sylvia Heneghan is an artistic expression. Her profile is one of 200 “Meet a Scientologist” videos available on the Scientology website at www.Scientology.org.

The Sylvia Petra Heneghan jewelry collection features one-of-a-kind, hand-made pieces with a European touch. The artist uses natural stones, freshwater pearls and whatever else inspires her in her unique creations.

In her video on www.Scientology.org, Sylvia Heneghan describes how Scientology helped her overcome shyness and gain the courage to do new things.

Heneghan, who grew up in a family of professional musicians in Germany, was introduced to Scientology when she was 13 by her parents who were parishioners at the Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre of Düsseldorf.

"I was very creative, and used to paint, create pottery, practice calligraphy, play the flute, organ and clarinet and sing. But I was terribly shy," says Heneghan. "Scientology helped me build self-confidence and not be worried about what others might think about me."

Heneghan became confident enough to become lead singer in a local band.

"Before Scientology I could not share my creations with anyone," she says.

Heneghan, 36, and husband Jon, 46, live in Clearwater, Florida with daughter Lena, 16, and son Moriz, 12. Sylvia formerly owned and operated a café there and has opened SPH Jewelry (standing for Sylvia Petra Heneghan). The pieces she designs are carried by boutiques in Clearwater and Miami.

Heneghan believes in making her home a safe place for kids to learn and grow. She encourages them to take on jobs around the house and participate fully in family life.

"One day, Lena came home from a visit with a friend and said 'Mom, I love you.' Well, I love her *too*, but I was surprised she would say that as soon as she walked through the door," says Heneghan. "I asked her what was up and she told me her friend's mother had just behaved irrationally, becoming upset for no reason. It occurred to Lena that I never act that way."

When Lena said this, it brought into focus for Heneghan just how much Scientology has changed her life.

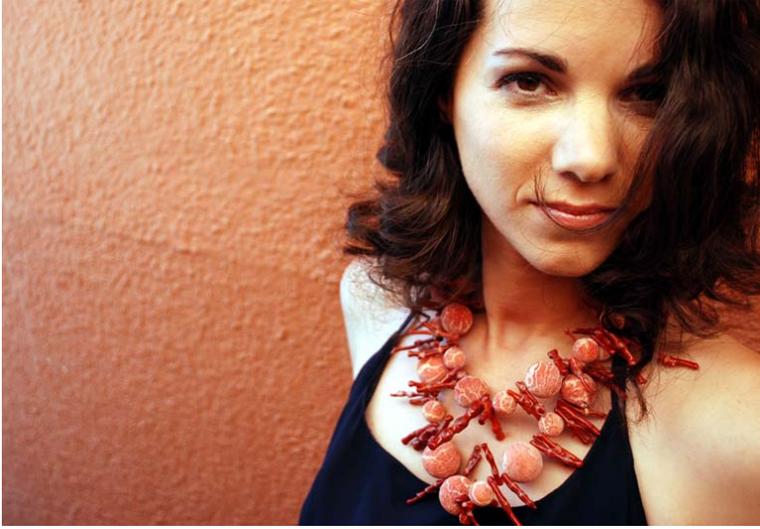
"If I didn't have the tools I learned from Scientology, I'm sure I *would* freak out in situations where there is actually no need to get upset," she says. "I can't imagine what life would be like without Scientology."

View the Sylvia Heneghan video at www.Scientology.org.

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The popular "Meet a Scientologist" profiles on the Church of Scientology International Video Channel at Scientology.org now total 200 broadcast-quality documentary videos featuring Scientologists from diverse locations and walks of life. The personal stories are told by Scientologists who are educators, teenagers, skydivers, a golf instructor, a hip-hop dancer, IT manager, stunt pilot, mothers, fathers, dentists, photographers, actors, musicians, fashion designers, engineers, students, business owners and more.

A digital pioneer and leader in the online religious community, in April 2008 the Church of Scientology became the first major religion to launch its own official YouTube Video Channel, which has now been viewed by millions of visitors.



Scientologist Sylvia Heneghan wearing one of her one-of-a-kind necklaces



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