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## HEAVY METAL EVOKES BEAUTY

Kate Crawford

JENNY Green's shoes are hard to fill.

The Clontarf sculptor has not taken beauty or fashion lightly in her latest exhibition at Traffic Jam Galleries at Neutral Bay.

Green has created metal stilettos, bras and pants, plus abstract figures, in heavy metal.

It's a playful dig at some of our symbols of beauty.

"We are bombarded by the quest for beauty — the perfect body, agelessness and what is supposedly attractive," Green said.

"In this show I tease the concept of what is femininity, the notion of beauty and what it means to be appealing ... by using cold, hard industrial materials."

The exhibition is called

*Beautopia* and among Green's sculptures are sets of bras and underpants created from painted steel and hung on the wall.

Her two giant bright pink stilettos, also made from steel, are one of the highlights of the 30 weeks in the exhibition.

Green says society often takes beauty at face value rather than seek inner beauty.

"With my abstract figures I am evoking inner beauty — graceful and thoughtful," she said.

One of the works *Fraction of the Whole* is an abstract man and woman made of stainless steel rods while her figure *Olympic* is made from bronze.

Green left a successful corporate career to study at the National Art School in 2003.

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Jenny Green with her sculptures of shoes at the Traffic Jam Galleries.