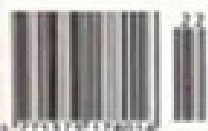


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What a gem!

The jewellery world has been polishing up its act in recent years; there's now a cluster of home-grown talents who are producing delicate and original baubles that are dazzling us all.

Stéphanie Duval introduces you to a few names worth remembering

1. Fairy tale For **Anne Zellien**, jewellery is so much more than an accessory. It is a symbolic way to keep your loved ones close to your heart, or to express what you are feeling. Her sentimental jewellery is also available through her online shop: the perfect solution if you want to buy last-minute gifts. Recently, Zellien teamed up with lingerie designer Murielle Scherre from *La Fille d'O* to design a special collection called *Basic Needs*. Their jewellery is straight from a very sensual fairy tale, and can be bought at both brands' shops.

1: 47/1 Karmmeestraat, Antwerp; *Maison La Fille d'O*, 91 Holstraat, Ghent; www.annezellien.be. *Chick Chick Houdini* earrings by Anne Zellien and *La Fille d'O*, €215.

2. Simply complex Behind **Atelier II** are Flor Janssens and Ludovik Colpaert, who launched this jewellery collective in 2000. Their idea is to design conceptual jewellery that is both non-nonsense and humorous or colourful. Many of the silver creations feature complex designs with several charms or necklaces incorporated into one piece. Even those that look simple turn out to hide an extra layer of meaning.

2: 32 Scheldestraat, Antwerp, www.atelierii.com. *Seashell ring* by Atelier II, €160



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3. Two for one Even though jewellery designer couple **Daisy Verheyden** and **Peter Vermandere** share a beautiful shop in Antwerp, they each stay loyal to their own style. For Peter, the history of the materials he uses is as important as their look, while Daisy argues the permanence of jewellery takes on a profound meaning in light of the fleeting nature of modern life. Both are fascinated by gems and pearls and, inspired by their intriguing colours and forms, often design their jewellery around them.

3: 29 Leopoldstraat, Antwerp, www.goudierk.be. *Necklace with Obsidian beads and 18 ct white golden links* by Daisy Verheyden & Peter Vermandere, €2,380

4. Pretty things You'll never forget a piece by **Elke Peeters** once you've seen somebody wear it. Her designs are sensual, but cute, feminine yet playful – so they don't need to be taken seriously all of the time. In short, Elke's jewellery does exactly what jewellery should do: it makes you feel beautiful, light-hearted and desired. And her creations can break the ice at any party, an advantage not to be underestimated!

4: Available online at www.elkepeeters.com. Visit her showroom by appointment only, tel 03.297.41.53. *Brooch Helena* by Elke Peeters, €425



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5. My precious Jewellery doesn't always need to be laden with meaning. Sometimes you just want a necklace that cheers up your entire outfit, or a pair of earrings that makes you smile whenever you see yourself in the mirror. Laloul creates one-of-a-kind jewels from precious and semi-precious materials, so that you can be

the only one with an original design. Yet every piece remains affordable. The only danger? Not being able to choose....

5: Available at Lady Dandy, 81 Rue du Page/Edelknipstraat, Brussels, www.laloul.be. Earrings by Laloul, €55



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6. Glass menagerie Elisabeth Leenknecht's grandfather designed glass windows, and her father created three-dimensional glass sculptures. Is it any wonder then that Elisabeth developed an above average interest in glass too? To her, glass represents a world of colour and light, and it is her material of choice to celebrate her own creativity with. The result is an original and unusual jewellery collection called Glasjuweel, which sets itself apart from the rest thanks to its pure forms, delicate material and bright colours.

6: Available at Galerie Leenknecht, 7 Beffinsteg, Ghent, www.glasjuweel.be. Glasjuweel rings by Elisabeth Leenknecht, €130 each



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7. It's art, baby Isabelle Lenfant calls her work 'art jewels' for a reason: she cuts and solders everything by hand, in the tradition of true jewellery designers. But when Isabelle saw the movie classic *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and she realised jewellery can make you feel protected and powerful, her creations took on an extra meaning. Her inspiration is her own world of rock 'n' roll, life's emotions and... mirrors. That is why her creations always shine brightly.

7: www.i-l.be. Il. Bracelet by Isabelle Lenfant, €300

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