



Variations on a Theme

25 Years of Design from the AJDC



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PYRAMID by Michael Good. Patinated bronze, 22K gold and fire opal.

American Jewelry Design Council Celebrates 25 Years of Design

CARLSBAD, Calif. – June 25, 2015 – GIA's museum in Carlsbad, CA will celebrate 25 years of jewelry design with a finely curated selection of nearly 200 works of jewelry and objet d'art by 40 members of the American Jewelry Design Council (AJDC) beginning July 29. "Variations on a Theme: 25 Years of Design from the AJDC" is a dramatic, thought-provoking and entertaining display that challenges and inspires visitors to consider thematic elements expressed in design. The exhibition will be on view through June 2016.

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GOLD STANDARD An 18K gold ring by Cornelia Goldsmith with La Mer tourmaline, white and blue diamonds at the GIA

9/4-1/3

Bhavna Mehta: Paper Pattern Story

San Diego artist Bhavna Mehta displays intricately cut paper pieces patterned to tell a visual story. Admission is \$8. Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way, Oceanside, 760.435.3720, oma-online.org

9/10-13

La Costa Film Festival

Now in its third year, this rising fest has screenings of indie features and docs, as well as parties and panels. Events and screenings take place at The Omni La Costa Resort & Spa, Cinepolis Theater and the Dove Library in Carlsbad. Tickets

from \$10. 619.300.4577, lacostafilmfestival.org

9/12

Gala in the Gardens

The San Diego Botanic Gardens will hold its annual gala on its beautiful grounds. The night includes dinner, drinks, auctions and, naturally, some gorgeous floral displays. 5PM. Tickets from \$200. 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, 760.436.3036, sdhgarden.org

9/12

Salman Rushdie

The highly acclaimed and controversial writer stops by to sign and discuss his latest novel, *Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights*. 5-30PM. Tickets from \$30. USD Institute for Peace and Justice Theater, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, 858.454.0347, usrwicks.com

9/13

Harvest for Hope

The 12th annual tasting and wine event features more than a dozen restaurants and benefits the Emilio Nares Foundation's programs for underprivileged children and families battling cancer. 1PM. Tickets from \$135. San Diego Central Library, 330 Park Blvd., 877.507.7788, enfhope.org

9/14

The Who

The legendary British Invasion band behind hits like "My Generation" and "Baba O'Riley" celebrates its 50th anniversary with a stop in San Diego. 7:30PM. Tickets from \$35.50. Valley View Casino Center, 3500 Sports Arena Blvd., San Diego, 619.224.4171, valleyviewcasino-center.com

9/16-10/25

In Your Arms

This world-premiere

9/30-10/4

San Diego Film Festival In its 14th year, this fest has partnered with Reframed Pictures to include the Social Justice Initiative. Spearheaded by Susan Sarandon, filmmaker Thomas Morgan and Tonya Mantooh, the SDFI includes panels and screenings on socially relevant issues. Spring for the VIP passes (\$500) for six to the celebrity tribute reception, swag bags and front-of-the-line privileges. Tickets from \$14. Locations vary. 619.818.2221, sdfilmfest.com



PICTURE THIS Actress Susan Sarandon and filmmaker Thomas Morgan, shown in post-earthquake Nepal, is part of the Social Justice Initiative at the S.D. Film Festival

The San Diego Union-Tribune

Jewelry designers' exhibit opens Wed. at GIA

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The show features 200 works by 40 members of the American Jewelry Design Council, aka AJDC, a nonprofit that raises awareness about American jewelry design and the aesthetic value of artistic fine jewelry.

The display, entitled, "Variations on a Theme: 25 Years of Design from the AJDC" presents thought-provoking pieces with dramatic and sometimes entertaining elements.

The exhibit is part of a design project that began in 1996. Each year designers have been challenged to create works based on a common theme, such as water, puzzle, tear and flight.

"The result is an array of designs with a common thread, each distinctly expressive of its designer, that elevates American jewelry designs as works of art sought by collectors and museums," said Kristin Mahan, a GIA spokeswoman.

This exhibit debuted two years ago at the Forbes Galleries in New York and will be on view at the nonprofit institute through next June.

The Institute's museum is free and open to the public on weekdays by reservation.

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美國珠寶設計委員會(AJDC)慶祝25周年，特別籌畫了一場珠寶設計展出，名為「主題變奏曲」(Variations on a Theme)的巡迴展，匯集200多件、40位設計師自的設計作品，展現個人觀點也打造出不少值得收藏家、博物館典藏的臻品。這場巡迴展覽即日起至明年的6月份在GIA的美國校本部展出，免費供愛好者參觀。

另外，美國的GIA校本部還展出一套迷你的交響樂團，由21件天然寶石雕刻的樂器組成，這套珍品的發想是來自於收藏家Sexauer先生，在80年代時曾造訪吐桑展的他看到一件由寶石雕刻的吉他，立刻激發了他的靈感，將寶石交由德國Idar-Oberstein優秀的雕刻工藝大師完成，並在2002年捐給GIA博物館。更多展覽資訊可上GIA查詢<http://www.gia.edu/gia-museum>。(資料提供/GIA)



03. 麥克·古德作品以金字塔為設計主軸，搭配22K金、火蛋白石和獨具特色的綠銅，十分經典。



04. 「寶石交響樂」展品中的綠松石小號。

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Price: Free

“Variations on a Theme: 25 Years of Design from the AJDC”

Date/Time

Jul 29, 2015 to Jun 30, 2016
08:00 AM until 05:00 PM

 This event occurs weekly, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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Recurring Event

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When	Ongoing until Wednesday, June 1, 2016
Monday	7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday	7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wednesday	7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Where	GIA Museum Carlsbad, 5345 Armada Drive, 92008 Map Website
Age limit	All ages
Categories	Arts , Exhibits , Museums , Visual Arts
Cost	Not available



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Above: "Spiral" by Kent Raible. 18K gold and ruby. Courtesy of AJDC. Photograph by Barry Blau.

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ART AND EXHIBITS



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Venue

GIA World Headquarters
The Robert Mouawad Campus
Carlsbad, CA 92008
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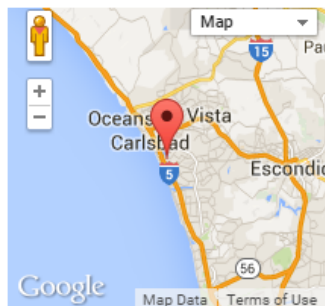
Thursday, August 06, 2015 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday, August 07, 2015 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Monday, August 10, 2015 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, August 11, 2015 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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GIA (Gemological Institute of America)

5345 Armada Dr.

Carlsbad, CA

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"Variations on a Theme: 25 Years..."



Jul 29, 2015

Wed 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
(weekly Monday through
Friday until Jun 30, 2016)

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Monday, September 28, 2015 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, September 30, 2015 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore, and cultural significance of jewelry. Reservations are required.

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Runs July 29 through June 2016.

ADDITIONAL INFO

Business hours

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Tuesday	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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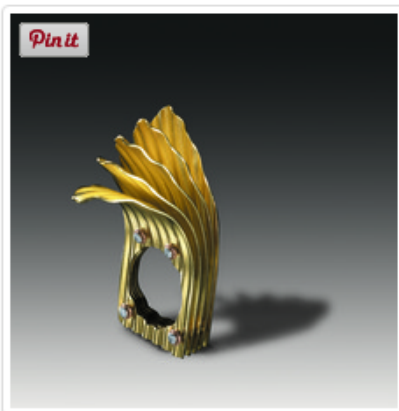
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“Variations on a Theme: 25 Years of Design from the AJDC”

40 Top U.S. Designers Showcase Jewelry and Object d’Art at GIA

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Description:

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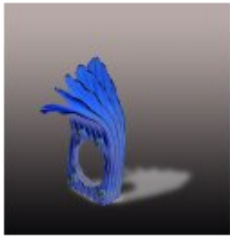
The AJDC is a nonprofit education group formed in 1998 to promote American jewelry design and is dedicated to raising awareness about the aesthetic artistic value of fine jewelry. This exhibit, which celebrates 25 years of AJDC, debuted in September 2013 at the Forbes Galleries in New York, followed by an exhibit at Kent State University in Ohio.

“Variations on a Theme” will be on display in Carlsbad from July 29 through June 2016. The Institute's museum is free and open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reservation is required. For more details, visit GIA's website or call 800-421-7250.

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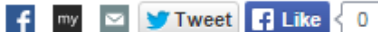
“Variations on a Theme: 25 Years of Design from the AJDC” in Carlsbad on Aug 6, 2015 8:00 AM



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Aug 6, 2015 at 8:00 AM weekly Monday through Friday until June 30, 2016

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The Robert Mouawad Campus
Carlsbad, CA 92008



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