



# From Louise Bourgeois to Yoko Ono

## Jewellery by Female Artists

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- A fresh, female-focused take on avant-garde art jewellery
- Iconic women artists redefine jewellery as personal artistic statements
- From minimalist elegance to bold sculptural expressions

**From Louise Bourgeois to Yoko Ono** presents around 60 jewellery works by some 40 internationally renowned female visual artists from the 1920s to the present day. Their jewellery pieces open up new, often surprising perspectives on their artistic production. Some pieces captivate with minimalist elegance, others with their expressive, sculptural presence or playful humour, with each unique work consolidating an artistic vision into a small personal statement. With its exhibition of the same name, the Museum für Angewandte Kunst Köln (MAKK; Museum of Applied Arts, Cologne) deliberately focuses on female standpoints, thus breaking with the male-dominated perception of avant-garde art jewellery.

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