



Jewelry Stories

Highlights from the Collection 1947-2019

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- World-class collection of artist jewelry from the MAD, New York
- More than 40 'stories' explain the artists' contributions to their field
- Highlights from eight decades of jewelry art

Jewelry Stories highlights the Museum of Arts and Design's unique, world-class collection of studio and contemporary art jewelry from the US, Europe, Australia, and Asia, a medium that comprises one-third of its permanent collection. Artists working in this field create jewelry rooted in sculptural experimentation and the concept of art as a wearable medium. The pieces featured represent the history of art jewelry as told from a largely US perspective. Jewelry artists are inspired by such subjects as found objects and materials, as well as by politics and pressing social issues, allowing for the development of unique, personal narratives in each piece. Each of the jewelry stories is written by an expert on the artist or subject, thus the book also celebrates the contributions they have made to the field.

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