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Discover These Antique and Vintage Dealers and Shops On Instagram



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By the end of November through the second week in December, Instagram is a virtual wonderland of jewelry photos. Scrolling through all of the antique jewelry shops and dealer's feeds can transport you back to a time and place that you have heard or read about, a magical land in which lore and legend provide you with material to dream up stories about who wore these pieces that are a part of the past. Often times, if the jewels are sentimental or memorial pieces, they will impart the occasion for which they were given. Other times, the posts will provide a taste of the history and provenance (when known). For antique jewelry enthusiasts and collectors, the photos featured on IG during this time of year grant us the beauty of pieces we might have never seen, the rarest of the rare authentic jewels. Some might be out of our grasp or our budget but they are within our gaze when we scroll through IG on our phone.

Here we have chosen a cross-section of awe-inspiring jewels from the international stores and dealers, who consistently post exquisitely detailed pieces of distinctive quality and varied time periods. Dreamy, aren't they?

Fred Leighton artfully mixes different time periods and diamonds and gold.



Fred Leighton mix of necklaces COURTESY OF FRED LEIGHTON

Fred Leighton @leightonjewels evokes a double take with this Victorian emerald ring with old mine cut diamonds.



Fred Leighton Emerald and Diamond Victorian Ring COURTESY OF FRED LEIGHTON

Métier Paris @metierparis reveals this double-sided English Regency heart locket is set on one side with an emerald and the other a diamond from the early 19th century. The cannetille work on this heart locket is breathtaking in 15K gold.



Métier Paris Regency Heart with emerald on one side and diamond on the other COURTESY OF METIER PARIS



The Diamond Side of Métier Paris Regency Heart COURTESY OF METIER PARIS

S.J. Phillips @s_j_phillips ruby and diamond bee earrings, French, c. 1900 are designed as bees in flight with striped lines of cushion rubies and rose cut diamonds. Detailed with black enamel and set in silver and gold.



S.J. Phillips Bee Earrings COURTESY OF S.J. PHILLIPS

Simon Teakle @simonteaklejewelry showcases a pair of Art Nouveau plique à jour enamel and diamond earrings, Paris, circa 1900. These are particularly rare as they are designed in platinum and many of the Art Nouveau pieces were mounted in gold.



Simon Teakle Art Nouveau Earrings COURTESY OF SIMON TEAKLE

Pat Saling @patsaling Art Deco brooch by Cartier Paris, circa 1925 captures the feeling of the time period in carved emeralds, diamonds, coral and onyx.



Pat Saling Art Deco Brooch COURTESY OF PAT SALING

Wartski @wartski1865 posts one jaw-dropping jewel after another this time of year and this one is particularly full of charm and character by Carlo Giuliano. A gold and enamel pansy brooch set with zircons in a palette of browns and golds.



Wartski Carlo Giuliano Brooch COURTESY OF WARTSKI

Keyamour @keyamour showed carved coral earrings which have a dash of sentiment and mythology. In the post, they write “The intricate carving of Cupid riding dolphins refers to Venus (Cupid’s mother) who was born of the sea.”



Keyamour Antique Coral Cupid Earrings COURTESY OF KEYAMOUR

Kentshire @kentshire This French Art Deco bracelet, circa 1925, which is designed with Chinoiserie panels, decorated with enamel and set with rose cut diamonds and malachite in platinum topped 18K gold is a wearable work of art.



Kentshire Art Deco Bracelet COURTESY OF KENTSHIRE

Bell & Bird @bellandbird proves that sometimes simplicity rules like in this Victorian oval cut Persian turquoise and rose-cut diamond cluster ring, circa 1860.



Bell & Bird Victorian Turquoise and Diamond Cluster Ring COURTESY OF BELL & BIRD

FD Gallery @fd_gallery ultra-modern and unique style from the 1930s feels as relevant today as when it was designed. It is an Art Deco onyx, enamel and diamond charm bracelet with stations of onyx beads flanked by diamond set rondels and diamonds set square details. Suspended from the bracelet is a black enamel round disc with the words “Je T'aime” and a motif of arrows with a diamond panel on top.



FD Gallery Je T'Aime Charm Bracelet COURTESY OF FD GALLERY

Macklowe gallery @macklowegallery brings out all the stops with this Art Deco brooch and picturesque scene of a bird, trees and other naturalistic form articulated in colored gemstones and piercing work.



Macklowe Gallery Gemstone Art Deco Brooch COURTESY OF MACKLOWE GALLERY

Wilson's Estate Jewelry @wilsonsestatejewelry displays three streamlined Art Deco bracelets in all diamonds and diamonds and emeralds.



Wilson's Estate Jewelry Art Deco Bracelets COURTESY OF WILSON'S ESTATE JEWELRY

Siegelson @siegelson owns these ultra-rare 'Giraffe' necklaces which are the jeweler Dunand's most popular pieces. These exotic bracelets and necklaces were inspired by African jewelry and reimagined in lacquer and metal. They were worn by famed and style-setting women and other examples of these pieces are in the permanent collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Musée des Art Décoratifs in Paris, Paris.



Siegelson's Necklace And Bracelets By Jean Dunand COURTESY OF SIEGELSON

Revelry Austin @revelryaustin features a pair of emerald and mine cut diamond earrings that can make your heart flutter.



Revelry Austin Victorian Emerald and Diamond Earrings REVELRY AUSTIN

A La Vieille Russie @alavieillerussie offers something for everyone and these 15K gold late Victorian padlock and key cufflinks, English, circa 1885 are perfect for him or her.



A La Vieille Russie Padlock and Key Cufflinks COURTESY OF A LA VIEILLE RUSSIE