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Cate Blanchett Breathes New Life Into Body Jewelry

She wore a repurposed Louis Vuitton High Jewelry piece to the 2024 BAFTA Awards.



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LOVE WHEN Cate Blanchett pushes the envelope during awards season. She does it with grace and style, and it always works.

Do you remember her 2000 jewels at the Oscars — she was swathed in Cynthia Bach’s collection of antique gold Indian jewelry — hand pieces, hair ornaments, armbands paired with modern hoops? And she hasn’t missed a beat since. From Chopard to Tiffany & Co’s Blue Book Collection jewels, she has been one of the best dressed and best bejeweled celebrities throughout the years.

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Cate Blanchett in Cynthia Bach’s antique jewelry at the 2000 Academy Awards

Since 2023, she has pulled off her most alluring red carpet looks by recycling the gowns and jewels and working with high jewelry brands such as Louis Vuitton to turn them into trend setting moments. She declared at the Venice International Film Festival in 2020 that she would only wear looks she had previously appeared in on the red carpet in response to the issue of excess production in the fashion industry. And thanks to the ingenuity of stylist Elizabeth Stewart, along with Francesca Amfitheatrof, Louis Vuitton’s artistic director of watches and jewelry, she wore a choker that then wrapped as a double body chain around her Louis Vuitton gown. Part of the necklace/body chain was crafted from the top two strands of Louis Vuitton pearls she wore to the 2023 BAFTA awards, and the remaining stones and materials came from five of the company’s archival High Jewelry creations. It was one of the highlights of the 2024 BAFTA awards presentation and one that will be talked about for years to come.

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Alex and Gladys Rysman are the third generation to run Romm Jewelers in Brockton, Mass. And after many decades of service to the industry and their community, it was time to close the store and take advantage of some downtime. With three grown children who each had their own careers outside of the industry, they decided to call Wilkerson. Then, the Rysmans did what every jeweler should do: They called other retailers and asked about their own Wilkerson experience. "They all told us what a great experience it was and that's what made us go with Wilkerson," says Gladys Rysman. The results? Alex Rysman says he was impressed. "We exceeded whatever I expected to do by a large margin."

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