

In With the New: IJDG's New Designer Gallery

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AT THIS YEAR'S SUMMER JA NEW YORK SHOW, NINE DESIGNERS ARE EXHIBITING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NEW DESIGNER GALLERY, A SECTION HOSTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL JEWELRY DESIGN GUILD (IJDG). RANGING FROM THE CONTEMPORARY TO THE HISTORICALLY INSPIRED, THE CHOSEN EXHIBITORS' DESIGNS ARE A MUST-SEE FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOW FASHION AND UP-AND-COMING TALENT IN THE INDUSTRY. ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT: THE PRESENTATION OF THE MORT ABELSON NEW DESIGNER OF THE YEAR AWARD ON MONDAY, JULY 29 AT 3 P.M. IN THE JAVITS GALLERIA ON THE FOURTH LEVEL.



KARIN JACOBSON SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Unlike the nature-laden designs by co-exhibitor Benüsis, Karin Jacobson delights in the wonders of technology. From mechanical toys to Japanese animation, Jacobson finds inspiration in graphic drama.

Attending the Perpich Center for Arts Education during high school, she was introduced to the world of jewelry by designers Heinz Brummel and Cheryl Rydmark. Jacobson found solace in the hands-on technique of traditional goldsmithing, and later learned to integrate her

sleek and bold style into her craft.

Today, Jacobson uses a combination of bright colors, sculptural shapes and a grand scale when creating pieces that she hopes find appeal within a broad audience. To make her collections accessible to more people, she often works with materials like sterling silver and lab-grown gems.

Her business was launched in 1999 when she created a line for the Walker Art Center museum store, and she has never looked back.

