

style news



Cybèle ring, \$205.



Zora Boyd ring, \$1295.



Gaia ring, \$270.



Gaia ring, \$200.



Zora Boyd ring, \$395.



FROM LEFT Nick Von K treasure chest necklace, \$195, apple necklace, \$275, wing necklace, \$255, skull necklace, \$299, and elephant foot necklace, \$299.



Bob Runga for NZ Mint necklace, \$296.

Bob Runga for NZ Mint earrings, \$158.

Zora Boyd necklace, \$195.

My precious

MEGAN BEDFORD UNEARTHS SOME GEMS ON THE LOCAL JEWELLERY SCENE.

THE DARK ARTS

Chalk up a blinder of a Fashion Week debut for new jewellery label Nick Von K. Not only did designer Nick Klarwell's pendants and rings turn up on the runway at Salasai but he also bagged a New York label with considerable clout as one of his very first stockists. American designer Nicole Miller, here to promote her own fashion label, noticed one of his detailed silver adornments on a show guest. She then tracked Klarwell down and snapped up several jewels for herself as well as her 15 US stores. We hear they're selling swiftly, with Miller having already placed a re-order. Klarwell is not new to the craft, having created industrially cool jewels for Ricochet, Moochi and other retail chains and design stores for more than 10 years. But a desire to expand his creative reach beyond commercial borders resulted in the development of his own label, one with a dark heart but also surprisingly

delicate beauty. Ironic then that stockists as varied as fine jewellers Walker & Hall and designer fashion boutique Black Box have keenly welcomed the new arrival.

CRYSTAL METHOD

An ongoing infatuation with the beauty of naturally formed crystals as well as this season's exploration of symmetry inspired by ancient architecture and religion makes Zora Boyd's exquisite jewellery collection for Wunderkammer boutique a must-see (and buy).

HOP TO IT

Sometimes it's not the size of the gem or the beauty of the construction that draws us in. Take this season's collection by Queenstown jeweller Sara Muntz for her Gaia label. Inspired by a Discovery Channel series on Russian woodland creatures, it's just so darn adorable. Her other inspirations aren't as warm and fuzzy

though, so if you prefer a little less whimsy, show 'em who's boss with a "king ring" in silver and smoky quartz or something from the ghoulish Spooks collection.

FLOWER GIRL

Striking visual motifs regularly infuse Cybèle's designs. This season the drama comes in the form of a sculptural orchid simultaneously cast in silver and shaping the panelling and prints of conversely fluid tops and dresses.

WE HEART BOH

Boh Runga's gone all lovey dovey with her latest designs for NZ Mint, recreating cupid's arsenal in silver for the modern romantic. She's also teaming up with friend and jeweller Nina Savill on a limited run of statement necklaces and cuffs resembling the wing of a monarch butterfly. The silver and green turquoise numbers are available at bohrunga.com.