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JEWELRY TO "DAI" FOR SUZANNA DAI FEVER IS SPREADING QUICKLY.

“I always knew I wanted to be a designer of some sort, although at first I thought I wanted to be the creative ones, or even costume design,” says jewelry designer Suzanna Galbough, who is the niece behind the iconic Suzanna Dai label. Originally from Houston, Texas, Galbough moved to New York in 2000 where she studied before design at FIT. Her education made her realize her love for detail-oriented work, leading her to make jewelry for friends and family through the six years she spent in the fashion industry. Finally, an opportunity to visit India and observe the artists’ work there was the final breaker in her decision to begin her label.

Galbough is inspired by various time periods as well as old world travel, exotic destinations and diverse cultures. Each piece has an antique feel to it, with a modern twist. “India is very inspiring for me. I love the music and food there. I am also quite drawn to Latin countries,” says Galbough. Previous Suzanna Dai collections have shown strong cultural influences — for example, the rich history and unique accents of Cape in Italy inspired the *Amalfi Collection*. She has also used the 1950s era, her favorite time period, as inspiration. “It expresses a timeless elegance that I long for today,” says Galbough.

The upcoming Spring 2011 collection reflects the desert, whether it is Palm Springs,

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Imperial or Tropic. With more delicate sculptures, characteristic big earrings and one-of-a-kind cuffs, the pieces also consistently use metal beads with vibrant hues of color. Furthermore, a strong Middle Eastern flavor and ethnic motifs by famous photographers Henry Clarke also helped mold the collection. Apart from destination and cultural influences, living in New York City makes Galbough more aware of trends. A trait for creating the unorthodox, contemporary pieces has to be more innovation. She also reflects her own feminine and dramatically creative personality in her designs. “It wouldn’t be possible for me to design something that didn’t connect with these parameters of my personality,” she says. In addition to her own vision, she attributes her success largely to her family, especially her father, who always encouraged her to chase her dreams. But her strong grasp is her dog China, who makes her stressful days feel so much lighter.

Besides becoming wealthy couples,

Galbough’s previous collections have also spread their wings into the glamorous world, her designs gaining recognition after Halle Lindy appeared on her television during an episode of *Group G&G*. Other celebrity fans include Leighton Meester, Whitney Port, Alicia Keys, Elizabeth Hurley and more recently, Anne Williams. The girl with all her famous clients, Galbough will face a few more celebrity women along the lines of Chloë Sevigny, Sarah Jessica Parker and Michelle Obama.

For those who love sophistication and elegance, Suzanna Dai will be your goddess. With Galbough’s plans to expand the brand, Asia and other parts of the world will soon have Suzanna Dai in their cities! And for her growing fan base, she also plans to launch a bridal line and incorporate other accessories like handbags, scarves and belts into her very own boutique she dreams to soon establish. “My biggest challenge has been to find time to do it all,” she signs off. **PRIDEANNA PADOBE**