



in her art work and jewellery, said: "Noora and I have been designing bohemian chic jewellery

together for about three years now and most of our earrings are mismatched. I think women are wearing mismatched earrings because it is a little more edgy and creative.

"You can play with the colour and style combination. It was definitely a trend in the 80s and probably goes back to the punk movement when the style was about anything offbeat, rebellious and imperfect.

"Also personally, I often lose one earring and am left with a single, beautiful earring which I would like to use again so I just pair it with something complimentary. As an artist I love asymmetry and I love wearing asymmetrical earrings!

"Most people love mismatched earrings but some people who are a bit more conservative and classic in terms of fashion find them too daring!"

The talented trendsetters have created three pairs of mismatched earrings featured in their latest lines. According to Karima, The Palm Tree collection was made to represent The Land of a Million Palm Trees. It symbolises eternal life and peace radiating from the blessed tree. Within that collection is an 18k gold palm tree leaf earring complimented by a natural Bahraini pearl earring to form a pair priced at about BD120. The set also comes in sterling silver.

The Spread the Light collection consists of an 18k gold or sterling silver arrow and sun earring. Karima said: "For us and our brand, it enables the use of two different but interrelating symbols to express an idea or concept. For example, the sun and the arrow are about spreading and giving direction to your inner light."

The Matutine line is also popular with accessory lovers. It is a gold vermeil and silver rhodium plated collection which consists of a variety of birds in five different pieces; two options of delicate hummingbird earrings, a necklace of sparrows in flight, a small bangle on which two swallows reunite and, the piece-de-resistance, a whispering crane ear cuff. Each bird is formed from Arabic calligraphy and contains the resonant words of one of the greatest poets of universal love, Jalaludiin Rumi.

Karima said: "We have a hummingbird and feather earring and the humming bird says: "you are the universe". There is also a single ear cuff in the same collection which fits in with the idea of asymmetry. The earring has "there is a voice that doesn't use words, listen" written on it. The silver and gold plated hummingbird earrings are BD18. We have a range of prices."

Their items can be purchased online at <u>www.thegenerouslightco.com</u>, at Meemo space in Aali Shopping Complex or at Milk Concept store in Riyadaat mall and at the Bahrain National Museum gift shop.

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