A Year in Jewels Sarah Royce-Greensill

Earrings. In case you've been hiding under a rock, you need to know they are big news.



Chandeliers

Named because of their similarity to multi-tiered light fittings, chandelier earrings originated in Turkey, the Middle East and India, spreading to the West in the 18th century. Garrard's Fanfare earrings take inspiration from the jewels worn to balls by society ladies at the

time, while vintage jewellery specialists Symbolic & Chase can source pairs similar to those George VI gave Princess Elizabeth as a wedding gift. Look to Nikos Koulis, Lorraine Schwartz and Fernando Jorge for the most show-stopping, red-carpet styles.

Brilliant collection see four articulated tiers of round diamonds wiggle wonderfully with every movement.

The latter's most

recent addition to

his aptly-named

Girandoles

A close cousin of the chandelier, and similarly popular in the 18th century, girandole earrings are distinguished by three (sometimes five) pearshaped elements suspended in a V formation from a central motif.

"I was attracted to the girandole design as its sensuous curves have drama," says Alisa

Moussaieff, who is unveiling a pair at London's Masterpiece this month. All that swagger didn't

come lightly; Georgian women would take the strain off their earlobes by attaching their earrings via a ribbon to their hair. There's no such concern with Diane Kordas' contemporary take

on the girandole, in which the pears are replaced by geometric diamond shapes picked out in her signature knife-sharp pavé.





Hoops

to dominate at

Needing no introduction, hoop earrings have a long and sometimes contentious history. Cultural appropriation rows aside, they continue

both ends of the size spectrum. On the one hand are oversized stylessee Carolina Bucci and Jacquie Aiche. On the other are miniscule "huggy" hoops made ubiquitous by Maria Tash. Colourful updates for

courtesy of Raphaele Canot's sapphire Set Free hoops and Alice Cicolini's adorable enamel. Handily, Thai fine jeweller Patcharavipa's textured-gold crescent hoops come in both sizes Go big, go tiny, or go home.

Diane Kordas, Azza

Joan Smalls wearing pink diamond hoop earrings by Chopard. Left to right: Carolina Bucci, Patcharavipa

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