

## **UP FRONT**

**JEWELLERY** 

## THE MAGPIE

Mariella Tandy delves into the history of a jewellery icon

or over a century, bold women have been drawn to

Panthère de Cartier. Originally

the Panthère pattern was used on

and white diamonds.

the magnetism of the iconic

introduced in 1914, the first iteration of

a wristwatch decorated with black onyx

It was the renowned innovator and creative Jeanne Toussaint, Cartier's

director of fine jewellery, who unleashed

the creature's potential in the 1930s.

Toussaint was recognised in Parisian society for her trailblazing attitude

daring 'Toussaint taste' (think cowboy boots and red

Chinese silk pyjamas) and

In 1948 The Duke of

Windsor commissioned

the house to create the

first three-dimensional

panther brooch, perched

atop a 116.74-carat emerald

for the Duchess of Windsor.

The following year, the Duchess

was affectionately known

as 'The Panther'.



of Windsor commissioned another panther-themed brooch. This had a three-dimensional panther with pavé diamond fur and sapphire spots, sitting above an enormous 152.35carat sapphire cabochon.

The following decades saw celebrities and socialites such as Princess Nina Aga Khan, Elizabeth

Taylor and Barbara Hutton commission their own magnificent panther jewels collection cemented itself in the history books as statement jewellery that showed femininity, strength and power. It struck

a chord with female rebels across the globe. This year, Cartier is launching several additional pieces to the collection including bracelets, stackable rings and watches, ushering in a new era for those who love the appeal of the most dangerous creature in the Cartier menagerie. As the new pieces are added to the collection the designers continue Toussaint's early work, and while the new panthers belong to the present day

they build on the rich history of the house, and the iconic women who are drawn to these beautiful creatures

cartier.com

prooch given to her by the Duke: her own commission

1 Van Robots Gold and gemstone robot, from £2,750, van-ora.co

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MODERN AMULETS

2 Diane Kordas Amulet necklace, £3,770. matchesfashion.com

3 Rosa De La Cruz

Diamond and 14ct gold mushroom pendant, £2,780. rosadelacruz com

4 Tabayer Emerald and diamond eye earrings, POA, tabayer.com

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