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Jewels QUIRKY CRAFTS

Imagination, flair, individuality have all been brought to bear on the jewellery created by the three Swiss designers featured below. Their pieces stand out from the crowd and bestow a certain 'je ne sais quoi' on the wearer.

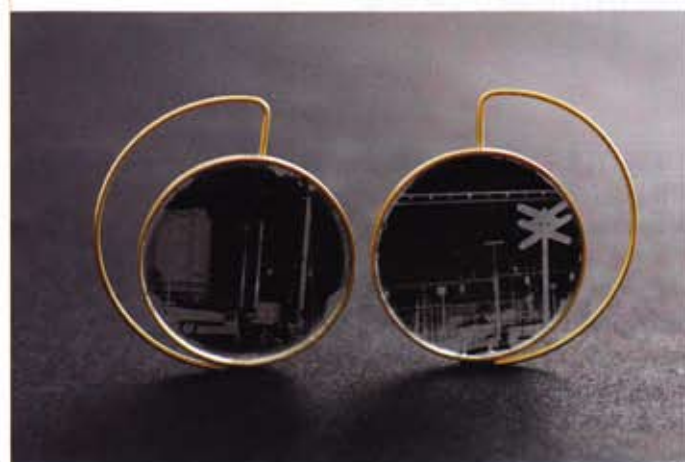
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MIRCA MAFFI

CUFFLINKS: WOODEN

While cufflinks are generally considered to be a man's domain, Mirca Maffi does a fine line in wooden and silver shirt accessories to complement her range of earrings, rings and necklaces. The checkerboard effect of the wood particularly lends itself to a more feminine, less serious wearing of the ultimate male accessory (after the watch, of course). Wood set in silver forms part of her collection of nature-inspired forms with raw materials, such as coral, jade, pearl, opal and carrara marble, rounding off a very organic collection. Between CHF 500 and CHF 800.

www.mircamaffi.com



SIMONE GUGGER

EARRINGS: CITYSCAPE

After a year of experimentation with new techniques, taking inspiration from early technical advancements in the field of photography, and thanks to the financial support of the Bernese Foundation for Applied Art, Simone Gugger recently launched a new collection to demonstrate the fruits of her labour. The production of these black and white earrings borrows from early photographic processes using silver bromide gelatine emulsion to expose negative images directly onto glass, resulting in the haunting images of urban landscapes within simple gold disk frames: a clever juxtaposition of old and new. Price available on request.

www.simonegugger.ch

FRANZISKA VENRATH

RING: GANZGANS

And now for something completely different: Franziska Venrath creates pure fantasy rings that would not be out of place in a fairytale illustration. Her fanciful creations are decorated with animals and Barbie dolls and other weird and wonderful motifs that defy description. A certain insouciance and devil-may-care attitude on the part of the wearer is necessary in order for these unique pieces to reach their full whacky potential. She also does a fine line in kitsch nightlights if you want to really immerse yourself in the surreal. CHF 450.

www.venrath.ch

