

What's Your Fantasy Jewel?



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I write about modern and antique fine jewelry.

This past weekend I had a chance to catch up on my favorite antique jewelry accounts on Instagram. For antique jewelry enthusiasts and collectors, the photos featured on IG grant an inside look at pieces we might have not yet seen, the rarest of the rare authentic jewels. So, I started to make a list of my fantasy jewels—pieces from Georgian through Art Deco times. Some are pure dream styles, red carpet worthy, while others could possibly work with my lifestyle—like a beautiful buckle locket or a chunky mine cut five stone diamond ring. But there are others that I would need black tie event or some serious special occasions (one day again soon) and a much larger bank account to consider them. But every now and then, especially in times of stress and uncertainty, it's fun to make-believe.

Here I have chosen a cross-section from the international stores and dealers, who consistently post jewels of distinctive quality and varied time periods, Sure, some might be out of our grasp or our budget but they are within our gaze when we scroll through IG on our phone. We can dream, can't we? Or, if you can make it happen, they can become your reality.

The Dream Earrings

Metier Paris's sublime 18th century Iberian amethyst earrings are a stunning example of the provenance and period. @metierparis



Metier Paris Iberian amethyst earrings METIER PARIS

Spicer Warin's silver topped, cut down collet set mine cut earrings have a subtle sparkle but the character of the chunky old mine cuts imbues these earrings with personality to burn. @spicer-warin



Spicer Warin old mine cut silver-topped earrings SPICER WARIN

Fred Leighton's 19th century Fred Leighton diamond pendeloque earrings are an unusual example of this style with a gemstone on the ear and a long drop, now called pendant earrings. @leightonjewels



Fred Leighton diamond pendeloque earrings FRED LEIGHTON

Inez Stodel's Swiss made Georgian earrings evoke the ornate style of repousse work highlighted with black and turquoise enamel. @inezstodel



Inez Stodel's Swiss enamel earrings from the Georgian Era. INEZ STODEL

Kentshire's silver topped cut back collet set grape leaf earrings are long and languid and represent the chandelier styles of the Georgian period. @kentshire



Kentshire silver topped cut back collet set grape style earrings KENTSHIRE

The Lust-Worthy Necklaces and Pendants and Locket

Keyamour's rare authentic pink topaz rivierie necklace with closed back is in excellent condition for a Georgian jewel. The style a classic staple among antique jewels while the pink topaz makes it a prized piece. @keyamour



Keyamour Georgian pink topaz riviere necklace KEYAMOUR

Kentshire's Victorian buckle locket is in pristine condition—the gold is a buttery color and the diamonds accent the buckle with elegance. It's a dream piece but one of the few in this group that is most accessible and easiest to wear. @kentshire



Kentshire pristine 19th-century buckle locket with diamond accents KENTSHIRE

Moira Jewellery's diamond necklace is the quintessential fringe necklace from the Victorian era. @moira_fine_jewellery



Moira Fine Jewellery's Victorian diamond fringe necklace MOIRA FINE JEWELLERY

A snake necklace Keyamour crafted from cabochon and bombe set turquoise with rose cut diamond eyes and a heart dangling from the mouth. @keyamour



Keyamour turquoise and gold Victorian snake necklaces KEYAMOUR

Fine Feminine Floral Necklaces and Brooches

At Fred Leighton, a garden variety of floral brooches in enamel and diamond clover surround a 19th century diamond necklace accented with different sizes an enamel colors of pansies. @leightonjewels.



Fred Leighton 19th century diamond and enamel floral necklace. Scattered around the necklace
enamel ... [+] FRED LEIGHTON

At S.J. Phillips, the beauty of this botanical brooch with a variety of flowers set with diamonds en-Tremblant is a piece that could haunt your dreams.

@sjphillips



S.J. Phillips' fine rare multi floral en-Tremblant 19th century diamond brooch S.J. PHILLIPS

Awe-Inspiring Convertible Jewels

S.J. Phillips' set of two early 19th century multi-colored gem and diamond cluster bracelets which when put together form a choker length necklace. It is circa 1820 and French and is in excellent condition—a rare find.

@sjphillips



S.J. Phillips two bracelets that come together to form a choker. S.J. PHILLIPS

Aspirational Bracelets

Wartski's 19th century flexible bracelet which is sensual and slinky and is beautiful finished with a cushion cut emerald and diamond center and tip. The emeralds are rich and deep. @wartski1865



Wartski WARTSKI

*Al A La Vieille Russie, the contrast of this 19th century bracelets set with magical moonstone against a gold setting with diamonds and black enamel allows the subtleties to shine and become a statement piece.
@alavieillerussie*



A La Vieille Russie's moonstone bracelet A LA VIEILLE RUSSIE

Double Take- Rings

Fingers full of 19th century rings at Fred Leighton are breathtaking from the memorial bands to the cluster rings to the emerald bowed heart ring. Wear one or wear them all. In my fantasy, I am wearing all.



Fred Leighton Fingers full of 19th-century rings FRED LEIGHTON

The perfect ruby ring— a non heat treated Burma ruby and diamond Art Deco stunner is one of Spicer Warin's many treasures.



Spicer Warin no heat Burma Ruby and diamond Art Deco Ring SPICER WARIN

At Macklowe Gallery, you can find this chunky old mine cut diamond classic five stone diamond ring but the size of the stones elevate it from a classic style to a stand out piece. @macklowegallery



Macklowe Gallery Victorian five stone chunky mine cut diamond ring MACKLOWE GALLERY