



2023 AWARDS

Introduction

Welcome to the dazzling world of Diamond Guild Australia!

I invite you to explore the prestigious 2023 Diamond Guild Awards, celebrating our Winners and Finalists.

Explore the innovative, beautiful, and creative entries that graced the competition, each a testament to the passion and dedication of our Australian jewelry designers.

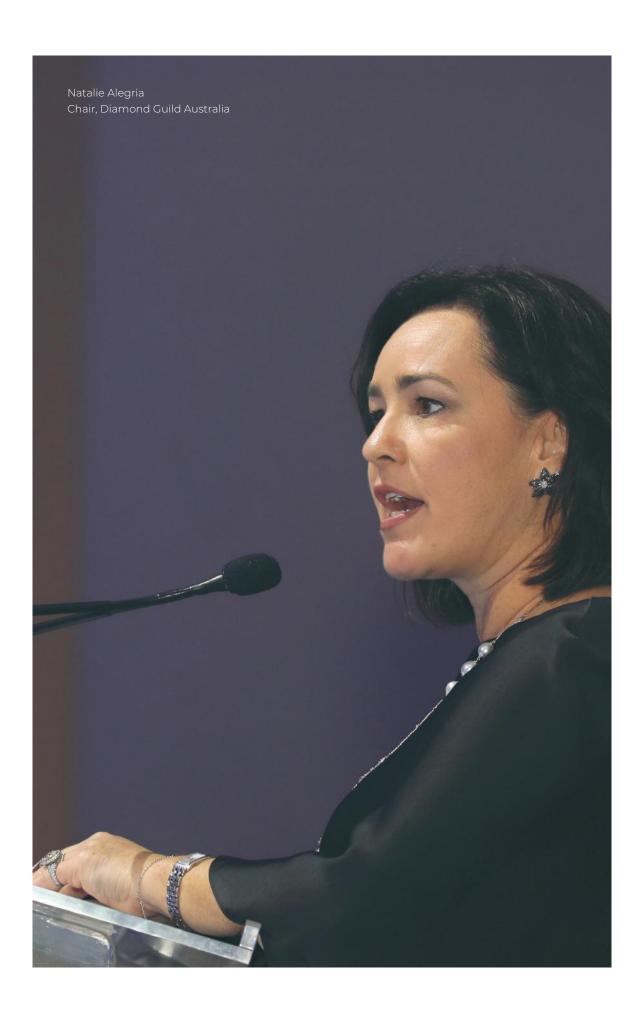
In the face of global challenges, witness the resilience of the Australian natural diamond market and the Guild's unwavering commitment to dispelling misinformation about lab-grown diamonds.

Discover the Guild's resolute stance in celebrating the rarity and beauty of natural diamonds, passing on a wealth of knowledge and passion to both clients and the broader jewelry industry.

A heartfelt acknowledgment is extended to the Guild's sponsors and partners whose contributions made this journey possible, showcasing the best in Australian jewelry design and manufacture. Enjoy!

Natalie Alegria FGAA

Graduate Gemmologist GAA Chair, Diamond Guild Australia





(Left to Right)
Dr Brandon Gien
Bebe Bakhshi
Lester Brand
Karlie Ungar

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Meet the Judges

Dr. Brandon Gien

Dr. Brandon Gien, a prominent figure in the design landscape, will join the judge's panel for the third time at the Diamond Guild Australia Jewellery Awards. As the chief executive officer of Good Design Australia, chair of the Australian Good Design Awards, and deputy chair of the Australian Design Council, Dr. Gien's expertise is invaluable in evaluating the craftsmanship, innovation, and aesthetics of the jewellery pieces.

Karlie Ungar

Karlie Ungar, creative director at Carla Zampatti, is known for her prowess in fashion and interior design, and brings a unique perspective to the judging panel. With a multi-disciplinary approach and a deep understanding of Australian heritage brands, Ungar seamlessly blends her design skills to bring a fresh and holistic viewpoint to the Diamond Guild Awards.

Bebe Bakhshi

Adding a contemporary touch to the judging panel is Bebe Bakhshi, a Melbourne-based jewellery blogger, and diamond enthusiast. Her significant online presence, boasting an impressive 958k followers on Instagram under the handle @ champagnegem, highlights her passion for high-end jewellery design.

Lester Brand

Lester Brand, Managing Director of Lester Band Jewellery, is our 2023 technical advisor.



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HIGHLY COMMENDED





FLUENT

Category: Red Carpet

Designer: Jenna Dickson and James Anson

Company: Calleija Jewellers Retail Value: \$1,580,000

Fluent platinum and 18ct rose and white Gold white diamond and argyle pink diamond hair ornament, pendant and brooch.



EBBS AND FLOWS

Category: Red Carpet
Designer: Ben Preston Black
Company: Creations Jewellers
Retail Value: \$90,350

18ct rose gold, and platinum oval pink diamond and white diamond set ribbon ring inspired by the swirls of water in a stream highlighted by a row of pave set white diamonds TDW = 1.6ct oval = 1.00ct







THE KIMBERLEY CASCADE

Category: Fancy Colour Designer: Rohan Milne Company: Rohan Jewellers Retail Value: \$750,000

Inspired by the first rain after the dry season interchangeable necklace and earring set featuring natural Argyle pink and blue diamonds with white diamonds, handmade in platinum and rose gold.



UNFURL

Category: Red Carpet Designer: Harry Ozkoch

Company: Annys Manufacturing Jewellers

Retail Value: \$25,200

Platinum and 18ct rose gold halo disc style multistone ring with a 1.45ct round brilliant cut diamond set into a floating setting.







'ECHUNGA'

Category: Fancy Colour

Designer: Nazanin Mohammadkhani Company: Gerard McCabe Jewellery

Retail Value: \$34,995

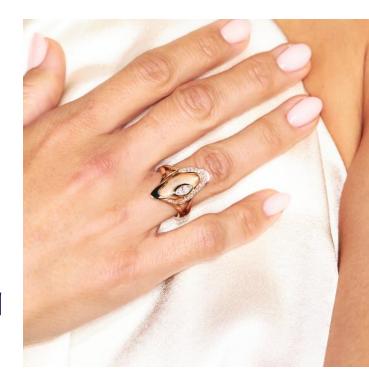
18ct yellow gold natural fancy coloured diamond ring featuring yellow, green and orange diamonds. The design reflects the massage of lifting up another, or oneself through the power of love.



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FINALISTS





GLISTENING LAGOON

Category: Every Diamonds Designer: Natalie Alegria

Company: Creations Jewellers Canberra

Retail Value: \$8,300

Inspired by Creations Lagoon collection, this diamond ring is designed to be worn and enjoyed for everyday wear.

The gold layered design, accented by pave set diamonds and a satin bead blast and polished finish combination, features the unsung hero of fancy cut diamonds, the marquise.

The central Marquise cut diamond floats down the gold lagoon with glistening diamonds at its shore, to be enjoyed and to endure for all that life brings day to day.

Total diamond weight = 0.52ct 1 x marquise cut 0.35ct, F, SI2 24 x total weight 0.17ct, round brilliant cut, D-F colour, V



DIAMOND METROPOLIS

Category: Diamonds For Men Designer: Cassandra Nitschke Company: Bell And Brunt Jewellers

Retail Value: \$35,500

A handcrafted 18ct white gold diamond set Men's jacket pin designed to be worn as a pocket square. Inspired by the Art Deco style, the pocket square features a combination of natural white princess, tapered baguette, baguette and round brilliant cut diamonds creating a dazzling display for evening wear.

Diamonds 80 x total diamond weight = 4.313ct, mixed fancy shaped diamonds, F-G colour, VS-SI2.





CALLISTEMON

Category: Red Carpet Designer: Berj Ohanessian Company: Berjani Jewellers Retail Value: \$76,120

A pair of handcrafted 18ct white gold 2 claw set multi diamond set earrings, each stalk is individually articulated to create a sense of natural movement. Inspired by the flower of the Australian native Callistemon or Bottle Brush.

Total Diamond weight = 12.51ct round brilliant cut F colour, VS, Excellent make





PEACOCK

Category: Red Carpet Designer: Jeff Einstein

Company: Jeff Einstein Jewellery

Retail Value: \$60,460

An 18ct yellow gold handmade two piece diamond ring set comprised of a solitaire fancy modified step cut kite shaped diamond set ring that interlocks with the fan shaped baguette cut diamond set jacket ring to create a bold red carpet worthy design. The ring set is inspired by the elegant show of a peacock.

Diamonds 1 x 2.14ct modified step cut kite shape, J colour, SI clarity 36 x total weight 1.92ct, graduated tapered baguette diamonds F/G colour, VS clarity.





LE RUBAN D'OR

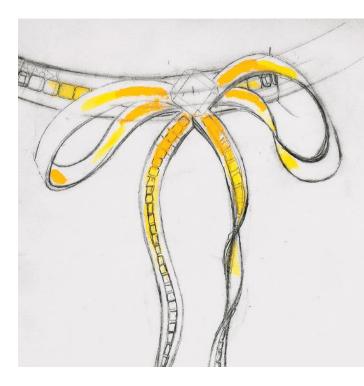
Category: Design For Diamonds

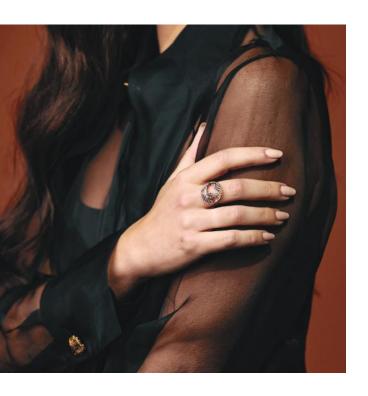
Designer: Louis Dauxais

Company: Matthew Ely Jewellery

Estimated Retail Value: \$9,300,000 (If design was to be made)

A hand rendered sketch design finished in a gouache paint of the conceptual design entitled LE RUBAN D'OR. The design features a handmade fully articulated 18ct white gold setting adorned with a central fancy vivid yellow square radiant cut diamond and 40 fancy yellow Asscher cut diamonds running around the collar section. An additional 170 Asscher cut diamonds in an ombre of white to fancy orange colour run down the draped tie sections at the front of the collier.





SUMMERTIME SUNSET

Category: Fancy Coloured Diamonds

Designer: Travis Trewarne

Company: Trewarne Fine Diamonds

Retail Value: \$100,000

An 18ct rose gold diamond set ring featuring a rare Argyle origin natural fancy intense pink-orange centre pear shaped diamond set into a wide open ellipse of gold set with curved rows of natural pink diamonds to the inside and outside faces. The central diamond is symbolic of an orange sun setting over the Australian landscape of sunburnt hilltops in a rose pink sky. The design is an interpretation of nature's finest work in a narrative of the bond we have with the earth.

Diamonds: 1×0.52 ct, pear shape, Argyle fancy intense Orange Pink colour, P1 clarity $134 \times total$ weight 0.50ct round brilliant cut, Argyle natural pink diamonds, 4-5P-7PP.





ECLOSION

Category: Fancy Coloured Diamonds

Designer: Ben Preston Black And Rowan Thin-Smith Jeweller

Company: Creations Jewellers Canberra

Retail Value: \$135,900

An 18ct recycled rose and yellow gold and palladium set ring inspired by the emergence of a butterfly from its cocoon. The ring features hand enamelled wing shaped panels enveloped in a series of leaflike structures that are textured and set with a combination of fancy yellow, pink, champagne and white diamonds from which a central brilliant cut champagne coloured diamond surrounded by a sinuous white diamond set thread emerges.

Diamonds: Total diamond weight = 3.75cts 1×2.05 ct, round brilliant cut, Argyle champagne C5, SI1 clarity. 3×10 total weight 0.209ct, marquise cut, natural fancy intense purplish-pink, SI2-P2 clarity





TEARS OF JOY

Category: Solitaire Diamonds Designer: Travis Trewarne

Company: Trewarne Fine Diamonds

Retail Value: \$11,000

An 18ct palladium white gold solitaire diamond ring set with an Argyle natural white pear shaped diamond that is enveloped by a highly polished oval open ellipse. The design has been inspired by the cycles of life, the endless ebb and flow of the seasons, of growth and decay in an endless circle of decline and renewal embodying the deep connection between humanity and the natural world.

Diamond: 1 x 0.50ct, Argyle Pear shape, D colour, VS1 clarity.

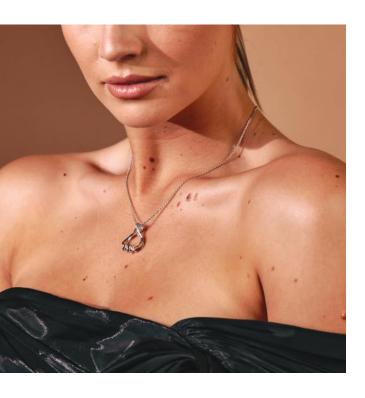






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WINNERS



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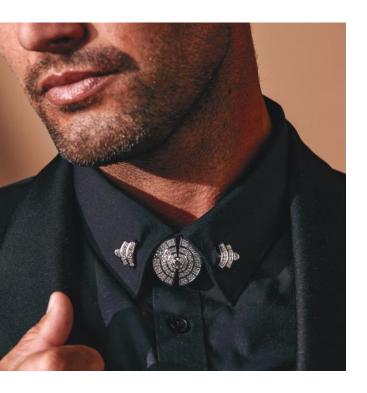
Category: Everyday Diamonds Designer: Robert Musson Company: Musson Jewellers

Retail Value: \$10,000

An 18ct white gold, three diamond set pendant featuring sculptured and polished wrought wire and metalwork with 3 central graduating diamonds. The flowing movement and lightness of the wirework creates a combination of negative space and volume in the design which is ultimately designed to be worn and enjoyed every day.

Diamonds 3 x total diamond weight = 1.00ct oval brilliant cut, D-E colour, VVS1 – SI2, Forevermark black label





VELOCITA

Category: Diamonds For Men Designer: Chantelle Green Jeweller: Andrew Want Company: Calleija Retail Value: \$70,100

An 18ct white gold diamond set collar bar set with round brilliant and half-moon cut diamonds with threaded end caps.

Total diamond weight 3.59ct.





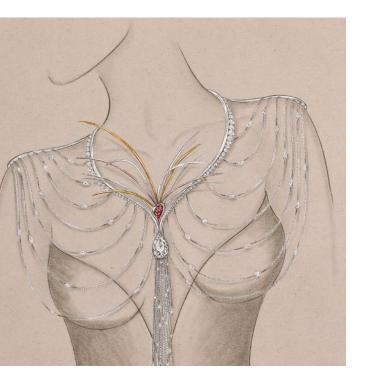
BLOOM

Category: Red Carpet Designer: Robert Musson Company: Musson Jewellers Retail Value: \$46,880

An 18ct rose gold 17 oval diamond set sculptural right hand ring featuring a natural gradient of fluorescence across the rows of angled white gold claw set oval cut diamonds that are set between the polished rose gold panels. Bloom possesses a metamorphic quality inspired by the concept of an organic design coming to life. The natural fluorescence can be viewed under black light where the designs unique feature can be fully appreciated.

Diamonds 17 x total weight = 6.17ct, oval cut, D-G colour, IF – SI1 clarity. Forevermark black label diamonds.





ORIONID

Category: Design For Diamonds

Designer: Alaine Anson

Company: Stephen Dibb Jewellery

Estimated Retail Value: \$42,639,304 (If design was to be made)

A hand drawn rendered design finished in pencil and gouache of the conceptual design entitled ORIONID. The design features a platinum, 18ct rose gold and 22ct yellow gold necklace Inspired by the Orionid meteor shower that will pass by the earth again on the evening of 24 October 2023. At the centre is a 13.33 rough pink diamond crystal representing the comet with a cascade of natural white pear, marquise and round brilliant cut diamonds that symbolise the stars, planets and moons of our galaxy set into a waterfall of chains to the front representing the orbits of the planets. Straight falling lines of chain draping down the back reflect the grid lines of our Earth. Each diamond set into the necklace possesses natural strong fluorescence that lights up the darkness of the night sky under black light. Total diamond weight of the design equals 166ct.





THE KALEIDOSCOPE

Category: Fancy Coloured Diamonds

Designer: Nadia Neuman And Burt Muller Jeweller

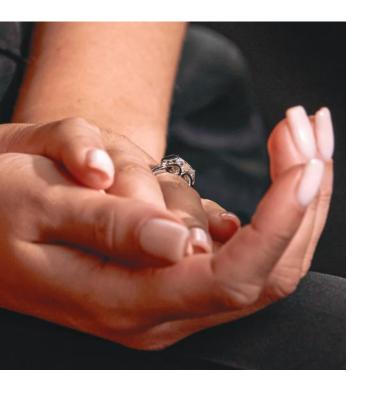
Company: Mondial Pink Diamond Atelier

Retail Value: \$275,000

An 18ct yellow and white gold fully functioning coloured and white diamond set kaleidoscope pendant that can be detached from the ornate necklace that is also set with a combination of fancy cut coloured diamonds. The necklace has been made with interchangeable components to allow versatility in how the piece may be worn.

Diamonds:v Total diamonds weight = 32.26cts Coloured diamonds = 23.49cts total weight, including natural champagne, yellow, cognac, orange, blue and pink diamonds of various cuts including rough yellow diamond ocatahedra, single cognac diamond octahedron, champagne diamond macle, bi-colour rough, 6 fancy yellow, pear-shaped, old rose cuts and pink and blue round brilliant cut diamonds White diamonds = 8.77ct total weight, baguette cut and round brilliant cut.





ORSAY

Category: Solitaire Diamonds Designer: Benjamin Tracy Company: Finelines Jewellers

Retail Value: \$19,980

A handmade platinum solitaire diamond set ring featuring an end set marquise cut diamond running across the finger with a swept up sculptural shoulder detail.

Diamond: 1 x 1.00ct, Marquise cut, D colour, SI2.





SUPREME AWARD WINNER

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Company: Mondial Pink Diamond Atelier

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WHO WE ARE

ABOUT DIAMOND GUILD AUSTRALIA

Diamond Guild Australia is the foremost jewellery industry body with a select membership of the finest jewellers setting the benchmark for quality, integrity and professional standards within Australia.

⁰¹ Fair trade members

DGA members own an established business with a history of fair trade.

⁰² A reputation of integrity

DGA members have a reputation for integrity and ethical trade, both within the industry and in the public domain.

⁰³ Truth in selling

DGA members advocate "truth in selling" at all times in order to provide an accurate statement of a diamonds quality and characteristics.

⁰⁴ Quality service and value

DGA members are committed to providing you quality service and value.

⁰⁵ Certified professionals

DGA members are trained diamond professionals with recognised qualifications.

⁰⁶ Only natural diamonds

DGA member jewellers only showcase real, rare and beautiful earth borne diamonds as only these are truly covetable, will preserve their true value and are worthy symbols to celebrate.





VIDEO

Celebrating the 2023 Diamond Guild Australia Jewellery Awards

24 October 2023 - Diamond Guild Australia invited the finalists and special guests to a spectacular celebration of Australia Jewellery Design excellence at the luxurious Langham Hotel, Gold Coast where the winners of each of the eight categories were announced.









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The Diamond Guild Australia Jewellery Awards aim to promote and encourage excellence, innovation and inspiration within the Australian Jewellery trade for the benefit of the entire industry as well as the Australian jewellery consumer.

Winners of this competition are subsequently invited to compete in other design events around the world reflecting the truly international calibre of this competition.

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