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ROCK VAULT RETURNS TO SHOW AT COUTURE IN LAS VEGAS

The British Fashion Council's Rock Vault designers will make their much anticipated return with internationally renowned luxury jewellery designer Stephen Webster at Couture Las Vegas from 28 May – 1 June 2015. British jewellers Alice Cicolini, Beth Gilmour, Imogen Belfield, Jacqueline Cullen, Jo Hayes Ward, Ornella Iannuzzi, Shimell and Madden, Tomasz Donocik and Yunus & Eliza will present their collections within the Stephen Webster ballroom to top US and international press and buyers during the five day showcase.

Rock Vault Designers



About: London-born Cicolini has exhibited at the Victoria & Albert Museum, Fortnum & Mason, Zaha Hadid Gallery, Sotheby's in the UK and at Nature Morte and Bungalow 8 in India.

Signature Styles: Sacred architecture and patterns of the Silk Route inspire Cicolini. All the jewellery is either made in the UK or handmade in India in the studio of one of the last Jaipuri meenakari.

Featured in: Joanna Hardy's Masters of Modern Jewellery, Carol Woolton's thion

Drawing Jewels for Fashion.

Key Stockists: Alex Eagle, London; Bungalow8, Mumbai; Colette, Paris; Dover Street Market, London, New York and Tokyo; Net-A-Porter; The Store @ Soho House, Berlin; Urban Flower, Dallas.



Beth Gilmour

Alice Cicolini

About: Graduate of Central Saint Martins and the Royal College of Art, with a master's degree in Goldsmithing Silversmithing, Metalwork and Jewellery. All pieces are designed and made in her studio in Bloomsbury, London.

Signature Styles: Fine detailing, fresh quintessentially British aesthetic influenced by traditional heritage, unorthodox use of colour-change gemstones and precious metals.

Exhibitions: Goldsmiths London, New York Gift Fair, Inhorghenta Munich.

Key Stockists: Fortnum & Mason, London; Design Yard, Dublin.



Imogen Belfield

About: Graduate from the Sir John Cass Faculty of Art, London, Belfield honed her craft whilst completing an internship with renowned jeweller Shaun Leane.

Signature Styles: Jewellery sculptures, statement "rockesque" rings. All her jewellery is handmade in London at the Goldsmiths' Centre.

Awards: Shortlisted for Designer of the Year 2015 (by UKFT), finalist for

Jewellery Designer of the Year 2015 (by Retail Jeweller), finalist for Designer of the year 2014 (by Retail Jeweller), Trendsetter Designer Jeweller 2014 (by Professional Jeweller HOT 100 awards)

Celebrity Coverage: Cameron Diaz, Georgia May Jagger, Uma Thurman, Nicole Scherzinger, Rita Ora.

Key Stockists: Flat 128, New York; Four Seasons, Hotel Prague; Maison Huit, Hong Kong; Reinhold Jewelers, Puerto Rico, Russell Street, Hong Kong; Wardrobe Apparel, Vancouver.



Jacqueline Cullen

About: Graduate from Central Saint Martins Jewellery Design course.

Signature Style: Specialises in contemporary and rare Whitby jet, a prehistoric black fossil about 180 million years old, collected raw from disused caves and mines.

Awards: Balvenie Masters of Craft Award.

Featured in: Vogue UK, Spain, Brazil and Italy, Financial Times, the FT How To Spend It, The Times, The Telegraph, The Sunday Telegraph, Elle Germany, Condé Nast Traveller, The Independent, Harper's Bazaar, Tatler, Wallpaper*, BBC TV.

Key Stockists: Kentshire at Bergdorf Goodman, New York; Dover Street Market London, New York and Tokyo; Net-A-Porter; Stanley Korshak, Dallas.



Jo Hayes Ward

About: London based, Hayes Ward graduated with a Masters in Goldsmithing, Silversmithing, Metalwork and Jewellery from London's Royal College of Art.

Signature Style: Jewellery from small building block elements, architectural and organic aesthetic. Pieces with movement and intricate structures that hint at geometric, mathematical and biological references.

Key Stockists: ALARA, Lagos; Boon The Shop, Seoul; Dover Street Market, London and New York.



Ornella lannuzzi

About: London based artist-jeweller creating mainly one-of-a-kind pieces of high end jewellery.

Signature Styles: Inspired by nature and alchemy, lanuzzi uses a wide range of natural and precious materials and gems which can be cut, rough or hand-carved.

Awards: IJL Precious Jewellery Gold Award 2015, (by The Goldsmiths' Company Special Award 2015), finalist Jewellery Designer of the Year (by UK

Jewellery Award 2015)

Featured in: Collezioni Accessori Italy, Harper's Bazaar China, Mayfair Magazine UK, Tatler Hong Kong.

Key Stockists: Carpet & Elsa Vanier, Paris; de Point, Tapei; Fortnum & Mason, London; Laboratory, Saint Petersburg; Maison Huit, Hong Kong; Reinhold Jewelers, San Juan; The British Museum Company, London.



Shimell and Madden

About: Luke Shimell and Emma Madden have been creating jewellery in their London studio since 2010. They have exhibited at the Victoria & Albert Museum and the Saatchi Gallery, London.

Signature Styles: Shimell and Madden's hand crafted collections are distinctive in their structural style, textured detail and use of unusual gemstones. Inspired by universal and timeless language of geometry they create modernist pieces that have a sense of the ancient.

Featured in: Condé Nast Traveller, Elle UK, Elle Brazil and FT How to Spend It.

Key Stockists: Dover Street Market, London; Smid/Stockholm, Stockholm; The New Craftsman, London.



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Tomasz Donocik

About: Polish, but raised in Austria, Donocik honed his jewellery skills at the Royal College of Art.

Signature Styles: Donocik combines materials, employs new technologies and finds the most exquisite stones and metals to fuse with the finest leather.

Featured In: One-off couture pieces in Vogue and the FT How to Spend It.

Awards: Awarded from The Goldsmiths' Company, Retail Jeweller, Couture

Key Stockists: Bergdorf Goodman, New York; Boon The Shop, Seoul; Fortnum & Mason London, Luisa Via Roma.



Yunus & Eliza

About: Sculptors Yunus Ascott and Eliza Higginbottom create hand carved pieces in their London studio. Label launched in 2009.

Signature Styles: Sci-fi minimalism and heroic portraiture, British air of nostalgia and rebellion. Inspired by monumentality and rebellion of thought, the duo distils the sense of epic found in huge sculptures and architecture into something that can be worn.

Featured In: British Vogue, Dazed, Elle UK, i-D. Pieces have been worn by the likes of Madonna and Helena Christensen.

Key Stockists: Antonioli, Milan; Dover Street Market; I.T, Hong Kong; Luisa Via Roma; Net-A-Porter; VFiles, New York.

Stephen Webster

British-born Stephen Webster MBE is one of the most prominent jewellery designers of his generation. Founded upon 39 vibrant years of impeccable craftsmanship, innovative design and fearless creativity, Stephen Webster's eponymous brand has won industry-wide recognition. Coveted by icons and idols, Stephen Webster is celebrated for creating modern classics with an eternally chic and glamourous aesthetic.

British Fashion Council

The British Fashion Council (BFC) was set up in 1983 to promote British fashion internationally and co-ordinate this promotion through fashion weeks, exhibitions and showcasing events. The BFC now supports designers beginning at college level and extending to talent identification, business support and showcasing schemes to help British designer businesses develop their profiles and business globally and promote British fashion and its influential role in Britain and London. The BFC Colleges

Council offers support to students through its Foundation, BA and MA scholarships, links with industry through design competitions and Graduate Preview Day. Talent identification and business support schemes include the BFC Fashion Film sponsored by River Island; BFC Rock Vault; BFC Headonism; BFC/GQ Designer Menswear Fund supported by Vertu; BFC/Vogue Designer Fashion Fund; BFC Contemporary sponsored by eBay; NEWGEN sponsored by TOPSHOP and NEWGEN MEN sponsored by TOPMAN. Showcasing initiatives and events include London Fashion Week, London Collections Men, LONDON show ROOMS, the BFC Fashion Arts Foundation, International Fashion Showcase, London Fashion Weekend and the annual celebration of excellence in the fashion industry: the British Fashion Awards.

Rock Vault

Rock Vault is a jewellery initiative to support, showcase and promote Britain's most innovative, fine jewellery talent. Curated by Stephen Webster, this unique showcasing initiative has been developed by the British Fashion Council to nurture the creative fine jewellery talent based in London. It gives these designers the opportunity to further develop their businesses, as well as exposure amongst both UK and international media and retailers.

Selected designers receive business support mentoring and are awarded space within the dedicated Rock Vault area at the Designer Showroom during London Fashion Week.

The Couture Show

May 28th – June 1st 2015 09.00am – 05.00pm (except last day 04.00pm) Wynn Las Vegas 3131 South Las Vegas Boulevard Las Vegas NV 89109 United States

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For more information please visit <u>www.britishfashioncouncil.com/rockvault</u> and <u>http://www.thecoutureshow.com/</u>

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