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Six Local Jewelry Designers Who Want to Make You Look Good



Gold and silver lend handcrafted jewelry a warm glow, and the creative hands of designers imbue it with soul. Such jewelry is the remedy for the winter blues and is the perfect gift for Valentine's Day. Nashville is home to many fine jewelry designers; here are six who caught our attention.

Margaret Ellis Jewelry
Metamorphosis Spring 2016
3-D Floral Necklace
Handcrafted in sterling silver and bronze, 19" long with 1.25" - 1.75" flowers



Triangle Chime Earrings
Handcrafted in sterling silver, 1" x 1" x 3"



Photograph by Brett Warren

Mclaine Richardson of Margaret Ellis Jewelry

Jewelry designer Mclaine Richardson's spring line for Margaret Ellis Jewelry, Metamorphosis, is about spring and rebirth, complete with a bevy of flowers. That's not to say that these are the precious buds of Victoriana.

Richardson was initially inspired by a loose contour drawing of flowers she saw on Instagram. But as she and the jewelry artisans worked on the line at the firm's Cummins Station studio, it became clear that these would be a specific kind of flower in their non-specificity.

"As we were making them I kept saying, 'We need to make them less perfect. More imperfect,'" Richardson explains. "Because when we first started making them they were too literal."

As the process continued, the team gave the flowers more weight and texture—the line's signature—to make them their own.

The results are lovely. There are necklaces created in all silver, all bronze, and a combination of silver and bronze. Then there is a silver flower bracelet that is engineered so that it won't flip over due to the flower's weight. (The flowers have some movement, however, as though they are blowing in the wind.)

A happy accident of this collection was the use of rose quartz—it wound up being the top color forecasted in the famous Pantone Fashion Color Report for this spring.

This blend of rose quartz and floral motifs fits in perfectly with Valentine's Day, as well.

"That definitely was not intentional," Richardson says. "But it has a nice correspondence."

Find out more about the collection at www.margaretellisjewelry.com.



Charm Necklace
Handcrafted in sterling silver and bronze
18" long with 1" - 3" charms



Amtrak Cuff
Handcrafted in sterling silver
and bronze, 2" wide



Double Cuff
Handcrafted in bronze, 2" wide