

## ARTS & CULTURE

### SPARKLERS

Painted with diamonds, drawn with silver wire, jewelry is art to wear, as the growing number of contemporary artists who also create beautiful baubles can attest. And as interest in the current art scene rocks, these gems are suddenly in the spotlight.

At London's Ben Brown Fine Arts this month, jewelry dealer **Louisa Guinness** is exhibiting British sculptor Marc Quinn's diamond-studded white-gold pendant, cast in the shape of a life-sized strawberry. The \$50,000 piece of fruit takes top billing in Guinness's exhibition "Small Sculpture to Wear" (November 20 through December 20), which will include new works from Anish Kapoor, Michael Craig-Martin and Ron Arad as well. And next month in New York, at the soon-to-open **Salon 94 Freeman**, "The Crown Jewels" (December 12 through January 5) will feature



glittering stocking stuffers from Kiki Smith and Paula Hayes, among others.

Today's artists are hardly the first to be intrigued by jewelry design. Guinness also shows and sells enticing work by many 20th-century blue-chip names (Picasso, Man Ray, Fontana), as does New York's Chelsea-based

On offer through London's Louisa Guinness Gallery: A Calder brooch from the 1940s (right) and Quinn's 2007 *Frozen Strawberry* (below).

**Primavera Gallery** (Braque and Dali, for example). "Jewelry by Artists: The Daphne Farago Collection" (through March 5), the current show at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, features approximately 200 pieces, nineteen of which were designed by modern masters.

Perhaps the most prolific of them all was Alexander Calder (1898-1976), who handcrafted some 1,800 unique jewelry designs during his lifetime. These are the subject of *Calder Jewelry* (Yale University Press; \$65), a new book by his grandsons, Holton Rower and Alexander S.C. Rower. On February 23, Palm Beach's Norton Museum of Art opens a show of the same name (through June 15), devoted to a man so besotted by jewelry that as a child of eight he'd already created copper-wire treasures for his sister's dolls. Lucky girl. Lucky dolls. [www.louisaguinnessgallery.com](http://www.louisaguinnessgallery.com); [salon94.com](http://salon94.com); [primaveragallery.com](http://primaveragallery.com). PAULA WEIDEGER

