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IN THE RUN-UP TO NEXT MONTH'S JEWELLERY WEEK (JUNE 7-16) WE LOOK AT SOME OF MAYFAIR'S MORE UNUSUAL JEWELLERS, WHO TAKE INSPIRATION FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES AND INCORPORATE UNEXPECTED MATERIALS INTO THEIR WORK - FROM OLD MOSAIC FRAGMENTS TO PINK CONCH PEARLS



NOURBEL & LE CAVELIER specialises in handmade, mostly one-of-a-kind jewels incorporating the rare and the precious, from micro-mosaic remnants from late 19th to mid-20th century Italy reworked into contemporary pieces, to jewels made from pink conch pearls and the signature Nourbel diamond bracelet that twists and turns repeatedly like a rope.

The founders of Nourbel & Le Cavalier – Valerie Le Cavalier and Georges Karam – are both trained gemologists who hail from second-generation family jewellers in Geneva and Beirut respectively.

A highlight of the collections is the Paraiba tourmaline earrings and ring. The Paraiba tourmaline was discovered in the 1980s in Brazil, and can now only be found in a single mine in Mozambique.

Nourbel & Le Cavalier is at 23 Burlington Arcade.

THESE ALHAMBRA EARRINGS are part of the 24 collection from Annoushka, which launches next month. Only 24 pieces of any one design in the collection will be made, with each being engraved with the number of the piece within the edition.

"I chose the number 24 as I am a keen art collector, so this felt like the natural number for editions of this nature," says founder and creative director Annoushka Ducas.

"For me, there is something so appealing about the idea of owning a piece of jewellery which is strictly limited to 24 pieces. I, like many women, want to feel that the jewellery and clothes I wear reflect my personality and individual style, rather than being instantly recognizable and available."

The Alhambra earrings are priced at £8,500 and will be available from Annoushka at 1 South Molton Street.



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