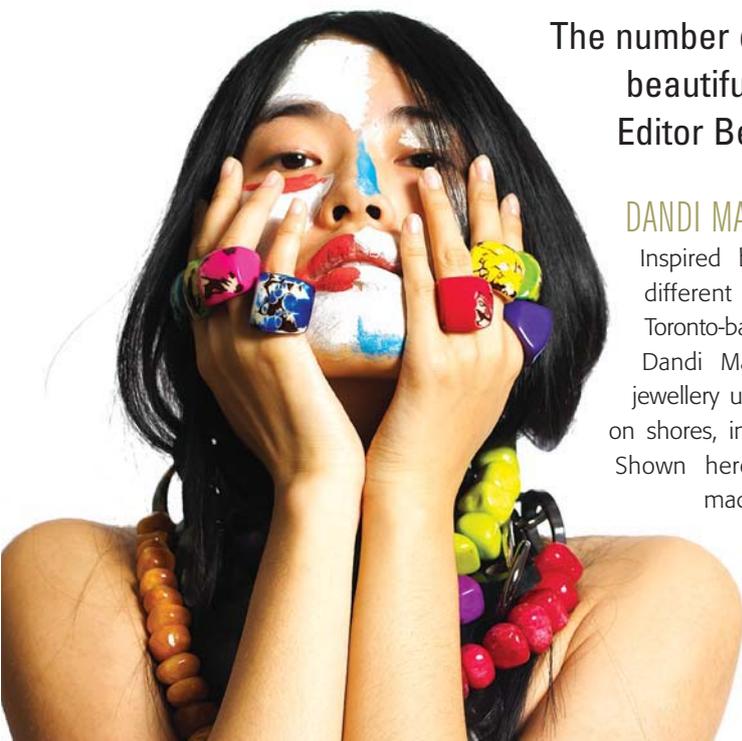


the Jeweller picks... ethical



The number of jewellery designers and brands offering creative, beautiful collections with a conscience is steadily growing. Editor Belinda Morris presents a selection of her favourites.

DANDI MAESTRE

Inspired by colours, music, nature, different cultures and traditions, Toronto-based, Colombia-born designer Dandi Maestre creates hand-made jewellery using natural materials found on shores, in rivers, jungles and forests. Shown here are one-of-a-kind rings made from sustainable tagua nuts from an exotic palm and bold coloured necklaces made from seeds. Natural fibres, shed antlers and rough emeralds also appear in her collections.

IO E TE

Meaning 'me and you' in Italian, this German-made brand by Daniela Kuehling uses recycled gold and silver (using optimal environmentally-friendly techniques) and fair trade, conflict-free stones. Included in the collection is a range of rings in yellow or white gold or silver, which allow the customer to choose her own stones, setting and personal script. Daniela, who previously worked in fashion and PR, will also design for other companies who are looking for complete fair trade production.



FIFI BIJOUX

Using silver mined in fair trade co-operatives in Argentina and Bolivia, Fifi Bijoux's 'Two Hearts Colliding' collection brings a touch of light-hearted, summer romance frivolity amidst 'economic gloom and horrid weather'. Also in the line are classic and contemporary engagement rings using fair trade gold and platinum set with stones from socially and environmentally responsible mines and cutting workshops.



LA JEWELLERY

Based in rural Wales, designer Lisa Anne derives aesthetic inspiration not only from her surroundings, but artists such as Gustav Klimt and Charles Rennie Mackintosh and the poetry of Dylan Thomas. Her jewellery is made from 100% recycled silver and, to lessen the impact of the air miles involved, La collects all scrap silver to be recycled, causing as little waste as possible.



CRED

The Yamuna Collection designed for Cred by Annabel Panes and made by Nepalese craftspeople is created from 100% recycled silver and includes the first ever Oro Verde™ fair trade gold plate. The collection, which offers a contemporary edge to Nepali forms, includes bangles, pendants, rings and earrings. Also in fair trade gold and platinum is Cred's range of statement rings set with ethically sourced coloured gemstones and diamonds.

