

500 GEMSTONE JEWELS



A Sparkling Collection of Dazzling Designs

Karen Wuytens
Lava Ring 2 | 2007
4 X 1.2 X 2 CM
Silver, volcanic rock
PHOTO BY ARTIST



Stephanie Jendis
Vent | 2007
12 X 5 X 1 CM
Labradorite, found wood, steel cable, silver
PHOTO BY LUKK GEERTSEN

Christine J. Brandt
Lava | 2005
4 X 2.5 X 3 CM
African black ebony, vanadinite
crystals; hand carved
PHOTO BY MICHAEL BRANDT

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THE VITALITY OF TODAY'S TOP DESIGNERS who work with gems and stones is evident in the stunning jewelry featured in this juried collection. Some of the pieces have been designed with highly technical settings and rare lapidary specimens while others, no less amazing, have employed basic techniques to achieve innovative, thought-provoking results. "Jewelry can be stimulating as well as beautiful, and this volume is filled with pieces that are bound to raise aesthetic questions," says curator Cindy Edelstein. "But take my advice: forget about the artistic issues, and allow yourself to be swept away, as I was, by the beauty of the gemstones."



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