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French Jewels and The Men and Women Who Wore Them

Boucheron

Founded in Paris by Frederic Boucheron in 1858



- Website has make your own jewel option
- Created first solid gold and precious gem cell phones
- Favored by Clientele such as Marlene Dietrich, Rita Hayworth, and Penelope Cruz

Pierre Sterle

Opened Atelier in Paris in 1950



- Had to be invited to his 3rd floor salon to view the jewels
- Preferred nature and movement in pieces
- Celebrity clientele included King Farouk of Egypt

Chaumet

- Established in 1780 in Paris and still in business today
- Appointed by Napoleon as French Court Jeweler



- Most Famous Clients include Empress Josephine, Napoleon I, Marie Antoinette, and Queen Elizabeth II
- Preferred Jewels of Various Royals

Cartier

Founded in Paris, France in 1847 by Louis-Francois Cartier



- Earned the patronage of many royal families as court jeweler including the British Royal Family
- Famous Clientele included Grace Kelly, Duchess of Windsor, and Elizabeth Taylor
- Traded a Strand of Pearls for current store location

Van Cleef and Arpels

First store opened at 22 Place Vendome in Paris in 1906



- First Store in America opened the day of the Stock Market Crash
- Invented the Mystery Setting in 1933
- Famous Clients Include Sophia Loren, Audrey Hepburn, and Julia Roberts

House of Boivin

Started by Rene Boivin in Paris in 1890



- After Boivin's sudden death, his wife Jeanne took over the business and developed more avant garde jewels
- Famous Clientele included Millicent Rogers, Daisy Fellowes, and Edgar Degas

Suzanne Belperron

Started her own firm in Paris after leaving Boivin as head



- Made jewelry for each specific client based on what stones suited their features
- Famous Clientele include the Duchess of Windsor, Elsa Schiaparelli, Frank Sinatra, and Charlie Chaplin

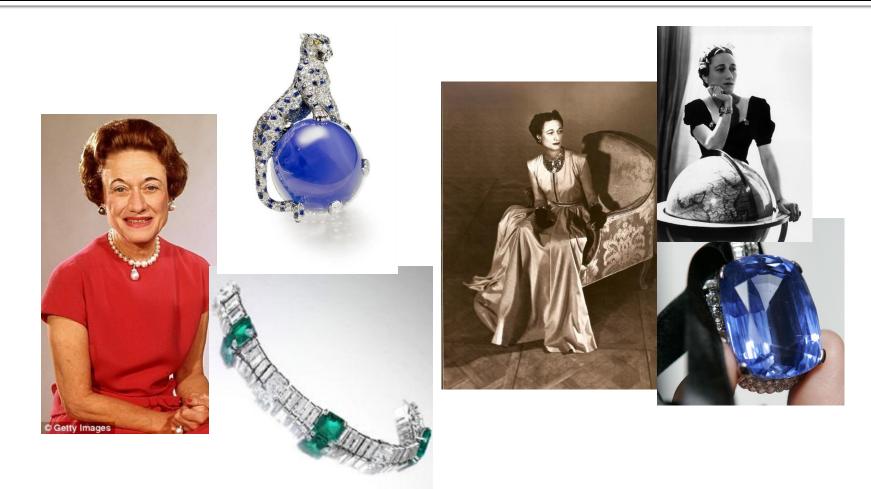
Jean Schlumberger

Born in 1907 in Alsace, France to a wealthy Textile Family



- Began career designing costume jewelry for Elsa Schiaparelli Eventually opened his own store in NYC
- Became one of Tiffany & Company's signature designers in 1956
- Famous Clientele include Gary Cooper, Betsey Cushing Whitney, Elizabeth Taylor, and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

Perhaps French Jewelry's Greatest Client: The Duchess of Windsor



Duchess of Windsor Pearls

The Necklace and Pendant are by Cartier





The Earclips are Van Cleef & Arpels



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