



By Claibourne Poindexter

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



<http://www.sothebys.com/video/privateview/No8371/index.html>

References

- http://images.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://elitechoice.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/04/sapphire_pendant.jpg&imgrefurl=http://elitechoice.org/tag/duchess-of-windsor/&usg=__AgKTvw5P8DdtCxUgWd6IsMw5RXg=&h=450&w=450&sz=35&hl=en&start=46&um=1&itbs=1&tbnid=xvHnxMJclcd3rM:&tbnh=127&tbnw=127&prev=/images%3Fq%3Dduchess%2Bof%2Bwindsor%2Bjewels%26start%3D36%26um%3D1%26hl%3Den%26safe%3Doff%26sa%3DN%26ndsp%3D18%26tbs%3Disch:1
- http://images.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://www.25karats.com/news/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/grace-a-253x300.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.25karats.com/news/celebrity-jewelry/cartiers-journey-precious-jewelry-and-timepiece-collection/&usg=__sNhQkMTjyPAO2dVplbbzStg-F24=&h=300&w=253&sz=22&hl=en&start=49&um=1&itbs=1&tbnid=6bEXrcLFLYQQXM:&tbnh=116&tbnw=98&prev=/images%3Fq%3Dduchess%2Bof%2Bwindsor%2Bjewels%26start%3D36%26um%3D1%26hl%3Den%26safe%3Doff%26sa%3DN%26ndsp%3D18%26tbs%3Disch:1
- http://images.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://lisawallerrogers.files.wordpress.com/2009/09/duchess-of-windsor-in-platinum-dress.jpg&imgrefurl=http://lisawallerrogers.wordpress.com/2009/09/29/wallis-the-duchess-of-windsor/&usg=__C3FUgW0Jx9GHJfz_2CGQzodCJsw=&h=640&w=458&sz=52&hl=en&start=6&um=1&itbs=1&tbnid=R7FwQlZ3J71NuM:&tbnh=137&tbnw=98&prev=/images%3Fq%3Dduchess%2Bof%2Bwindsor%2Bjewels%26um%3D1%26hl%3Den%26safe%3Doff%26sa%3DN%26ndsp%3D18%26tbs%3Disch:1
- http://images.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://i.dailymail.co.uk/i/pix/2009/02/14/article-1145432-0350166D000005DC-609_233x423.jpg&imgrefurl=http://aatos.truepicturestube.info/10041312/duchess-of-windsor/&usg=__Molx7EwbFX_Esal-NCsJypMpYrw=&h=423&w=233&sz=30&hl=en&start=82&um=1&itbs=1&tbnid=Pon1JfcgfsVCiM:&tbnh=126&tbnw=69&prev=/images%3Fq%3DDuchess%2Bof%2BWindsor%26start%3D72%26um%3D1%26hl%3Den%26safe%3Doff%26sa%3DN%26ndsp%3D18%26tbs%3Disch:1
- <http://genevaanderson.files.wordpress.com/2010/02/panther-clip-brooch-duke-and-duchess-of-windsor.jpg>
- http://images.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://www.ameinfo.com/images/news/5/47065-emerald.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.ameinfo.com/135590.html&usg=__vtGBkdPCFYz61CuFhbKHY4oPBZs=&h=240&w=240&sz=9&hl=en&start=13&um=1&itbs=1&tbnid=nvd4URIEsoxHLM:&tbnh=110&tbnw=110&prev=/images%3Fq%3DDuchess%2Bof%2BWindsor%2Bemerald%2Bbracelet%26um%3D1%26hl%3Den%26safe%3Doff%26tbs%3Disch:1
- http://www.swide.com/filemanager/cms_dolcegabbona/BlogImage/celebrities/Madonna as Wallis/Madonna/Madonna IntoTheArt_03.jpg
- http://images.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://www.jewelhistory.com/files/2009/10/AmazingCartier_pg221-300x248.jpg&imgrefurl=http://jewelhistory.com/2009/10/23/book-review-amazing-cartier-jewelry-design-since-1937/&usg=__yQQdpQAgcTclROAOkoP9gaJy1dE=&h=248&w=300&sz=26&hl=en&start=9&um=1&itbs=1&tbnid=ZDT5lyfxDy-ofM:&tbnh=96&tbnw=116&prev=/images%3Fq%3DDaisy%2BFollowes%26um%3D1%26hl%3Den%26safe%3Doff%26tbs%3Disch:1
- www.christies.com
- www.sothebys.com
- www.1stdibs.com