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Atlanta Contemporary Jewelry Show *A Showcase of the Finest Artist Made Jewelry*

ATLANTA - The Atlanta Contemporary Jewelry Show returns to the Carter Center November 2 to 4. Now in its twelfth year, this event is different than any other in Atlanta. It showcases the works of our country's most celebrated, award winning jewelry artists. Over 30 artists from 16 states converge in Atlanta for this three-day show. For many of the artists, this is the only time their work is shown here.

Founded and curated by Atlanta artists Leigh Griffin and Debra Lynn Gold, the show has become nationally recognized as a prestigious showcase for contemporary jewelry design. The selection of works ranges from classically innovative to cutting edge and uses both time honored techniques as well as new materials and processes.

Among the 30 world class artists showing this year are returning favorites Jacob Albee of Vermont, Carol and Jean-Pierre Hsu of West Virginia, and Michael Boyd of Colorado. Colored golds, carved gemstones, meteorite, and damascene steel are just some of the unusual materials creatively used in the jewelry. Each artist has been carefully selected for their unique vision and their flawless skill at producing wearable, yet uncommon works of art. The event draws collectors, jewelry lovers, and curiosity seekers to browse the latest collections from each artist. Buying directly from the artist brings greater meaning to a purchase and an interesting back story. Debra Lynn Gold, the show's co-director, says, "Attending the show is an enriching cultural experience regardless of whether you're a first time visitor or a seasoned collector. This is one of the highest quality art jewelry shows in the country and it's unique both in the diversity of the work and the eagerness of the attending artists to share their stories and talk to visitors about their work. We want you to leave the show with a smile – and maybe a new treasure in your pocket." With over 5,000 handcrafted pieces on display, you'll find stylistic diversity, yet consistent high regard for craftsmanship and creativity.

The show takes place Friday, November 2, 10 am to 5 pm, Saturday, November 3, 10 am to 7 pm, and Sunday, November 4, 10 am to 5 pm at the Carter Presidential Center. Toast the artists Saturday evening from 4 to 7 during the festive Meet the Artists Reception, included with admission. Show proceeds support the Craft Emergency Relief Fund, an artists' safety net providing resources, information, education, advocacy, research, and emergency relief to artists working in craft disciplines.

Tickets are available online or at the door for \$10. The Carter Center is located at 453 Freedom Parkway, Atlanta, GA, 30307. Parking is convenient and free. Admission to the show includes discounted entrance to the Jimmy Carter Library and Museum. More information at AtlantaContemporaryJewelryShow.com.

About The Atlanta Contemporary Jewelry Show – Extra Ordinary Bling

The Atlanta Contemporary Jewelry Show (AtlantaContemporaryJewelryShow.com) is a signature exhibition of works by thirty world class jewelry artists from across the country. This public event offers an opportunity to meet the artists and purchase distinctive works produced by hand in their independent studios.

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