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**MARY-LOUISE
PARKER:**
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Mary-Louise Parker in
Donna Karan Collection



Matthew Laurenza,
of M.C.L. Design.

Introducing...

When Matthew C. Laurenza made a piece of jewelry for his mother at age seventeen, little did he know that thirteen years later, the U.S. debut of his line, **M.C.L. Design**, would be a huge hit at New York's Bergdorf Goodman (the store has reordered his work seven times since November). Cast in enameled sterling silver, Laurenza's creations feature multicolored sapphires and reflect the exotic motifs of Thailand, his home for the past nine years.



M.C.L. DESIGN bangles and cuffs (\$1,000-\$2,000), at Bergdorf Goodman, NYC, 212-872-2579.

Favorite Find



AUDE LECHÈRE ring (\$12,000), aude-lechere.com.

Frenchwomen certainly know how to get noticed, and Parisian jeweler **Aude Lechère** is no exception. One of her bold and fanciful rings—like the amethyst and tourmaline shown above—makes such a definitive statement that it's the only piece of jewelry you'll need.

SPRING CLEANING

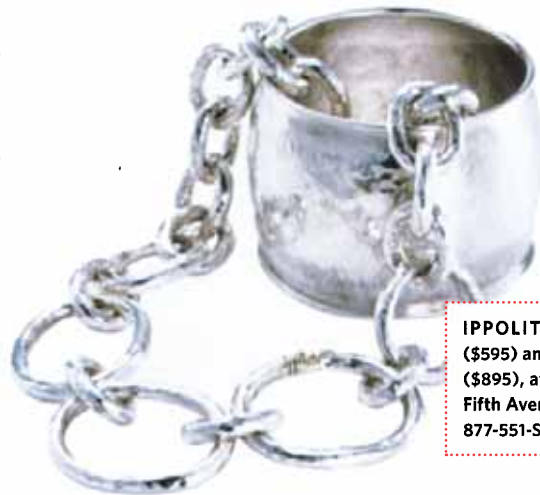
Time to upgrade your engagement ring? Have a necklace you never wear? Visit **Circa**, the largest national jewelry-buying house, where trained gemologists will assess your diamonds and fine jewelry and make you an offer on the spot. 877-876-5493; circajewels.com.



CARTIER Le Cirque Animalier watch (about \$145,000), 800-CARTIER.



SILVER STREAK Look for **Ippolita**'s shining new collection of sterling-silver jewels. Known for her handcrafted, sculptural designs in yellow gold, New York-based designer Ippolita Rostagno has garnered a bevy of red-carpet fans, including Kate Hudson, Debra Messing and Jennifer Lopez.



IPPOLITA cuff (\$595) and necklace (\$895), at Saks Fifth Avenue stores, 877-551-SAKS.

WILD THINGS

In the tradition of its famous **Panthère** theme, **Cartier** leaps again into the animal world with its latest fine-jewelry watch collection, **Le Cirque Animalier**. Bearing one of three designs—a tiger, a panda or an elephant—each diamond-encrusted timepiece is numbered and limited in quantity.

SAVE THE DATE: Christie's will hold its next sale of magnificent jewels on April 16 in New York. 212-636-2300.

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