

## BEAUTY IN BEASTS

Press opening **Thursday 17th November 2016** from 3 pm

The idea of bringing together jewelry that tells a story about our relationship with the animal world was born at a conference by Michele Heuzé, during which the Art historian, reminded us that while animals use ornamental effects to attract a mate, they offer to mankind many symbols and magnificent adornments as well.

The jewelry on show questions or celebrates the animal figure, using bones or fur or a fur-like perception, sometimes with a touch of humour.

For some jewellers, like Rie Taniguchi, these pieces are a way to express concern for endangered species. For others, they illustrate admiration for their form, their colour, the texture of their skin or their nature and finally for the wearer, the piece may testify to a fondness or desire to identify with the animal, or may even be a token of respect, as many animals offer also a major part of mankind's food supply..

### Jewelry by :

Marianne Anselin, Esther Assouline, Ambroise Degenève, Karen Gay, Patricia Lemaire, John Moore, Maxime Rips, Rie Taniguchi, Thomas V.



Snow leopard brooch, copper, silver, enamel, Rie Taniguchi and « Féroce », ring by Thomas V, silver and vermeil



« Lionness », silver  
Maxime Rips, 1560€



Noe's ark pendant, yellow gold,  
pearls, diamonds,  
Esther Assouline, 5050€



« Flight », earrings, aluminium  
and steel, from 130€,  
John Moore



« Fish », necklace, patinated  
iron, gold, hammers from  
weapons, 1540 €,  
Marianne Anselin



The Elsa Vanier Gallery sets out to promote the profoundly cultural dimension of the jewelry designed by artists, who have chosen rare, precious or fascinating materials to express their art.

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