

## JEAN GRISONI

Chains that set free

Press presentation **Wednesday 27 May 2014 starting 4 pm**  
Exhibition from 28 May to 28 July 2015

From Jean Grisoni's many precious creations, rings and chains take pride of place. When designing his first piece of jewelry in 1989, then still an artistic designer and image producer, Jean Grisoni discovered ancient Gaulish coinage and was fascinated by its graphic modernity and radicalism. He decided to make these ancient coins into jewelry « it became obvious that the solution was to set up a jump ring and chain up the jewelry. » It was the beginning of his fabulous jewelry adventure, and more precisely the design of rings and chains, a passion that still burns bright today.

This exhibition shows a series of strong, intriguing jewelry. The most delicate pieces stand alongside chains evoking the power of iron. This juxtaposition pays tribute to the sharp eye of the designer and his passion for matter.

«The design and manufacture of each link by hand, one by one, linking each one in a particular sequence, in controlled proportions and aesthetics, brings me a crafting, sensual pleasure that I had never experienced before » *explains Jean Grisoni.*

For 25 years, Jean Grisoni, has been linking chains! Iron links found in Mediterranean ports, gold links forged in the workshop, branches of coral and ancient pearls are never far from his jeweller's tools.

Accompanying the exhibition, a book with remarkable photos helps gain insight into Jean Grisoni's passion for designing chains.



**Jean Grisoni:**

In jewelry, opposing themes have become his credo: natural versus mechanical, brutal versus refined, rough and smooth, precious and non-precious materials...

In his career as a graphic artist, designer, art director, photographer and latterly a jeweller, Jean Grisoni has been on a quest for beauty, equilibrium, the right proportions, the play of light...



A collection of yellow gold rings, from 1140€



Necklace, iron links, one gold link  
4800€



Yellow gold pendant, ancient pearls  
790€



Bracelet, silver and green « organic » link,  
1200€



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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