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‘CHARMED’ BY LIZWORKS

Seven leading contemporary female artists have created charms for this limited-edition bracelet

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Liz Swig, the art collector, philanthropist and founder of LizWorks, has joined forces with the fine-jewellery designer Ippolita Rostagno to launch a unique project that brings together seven pioneering contemporary female artists.

Each of the artists – Laurie Simmons, Shirin Neshat, Barbara Kruger, Cindy Sherman, Rachel Feinstein, Mickalene Thomas and Wangechi Mutu – has created a charm that embodies both her private history and her artistic vision. Collectively, the charms form part of an 18-carat green-gold Ippolita bracelet, available in a limited edition of 50.



The form of each talisman reflects the artistic outlook of its creator: Simmons’ tiny figurine (above, far left) is inspired by the charm bracelet her mother wore; Kruger’s round design (above, third from left) is emblazoned with the slogan “Money can buy you Love”, playing with consumerist tropes; Sherman’s half-open golden egg (above, centre) symbolises fertility and femininity; and Feinstein’s miniature portrait (above, third from right) conjures up the refined style of the Baroque and Rococo periods.

Ippolita Rostagno said of the project: “Charms are tiny emblems of meaning, evidence of memories, and tokens of love. They are unfettered by normal canons of beauty and are, in fact, made more special by their attributes: small, charming, funny, narrative and precious.”

The Charmed bracelet is priced at \$58,000 (about £45,000) and is available to buy [here](#).