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Publisher's Note:

It's hard to believe we're already publishing our third annual issue of Savoring the City. It's been quite a ride over the past three years and we thank you all for making the magazine such a success. Our goal has been to showcase the best of Denver's shopping, dining, nightlife, entertainment and services, and we've worked hard to make sure we've done just that.

This year's cover features the art of Oster Jewelers, which we feel is representative of the type of business that helps make Denver so unique: independent boutique quality of mass appeal. Today's Denverite is equal parts sophisticated and playful, and it is with this in mind that we chose the businesses you'll find in the pages that follow.

Savoring the City is again sponsored by American Express, another company well known for its discerning tastes. As you flip through the pages of the magazine, look for great offers from businesses that accept the card, or see a list of all those businesses on the spread on pages 4-5.

Thanks again for allowing us to be a part of what makes this city so great!

Happy Exploring,

Josh, Jeff, Geoff and Robin



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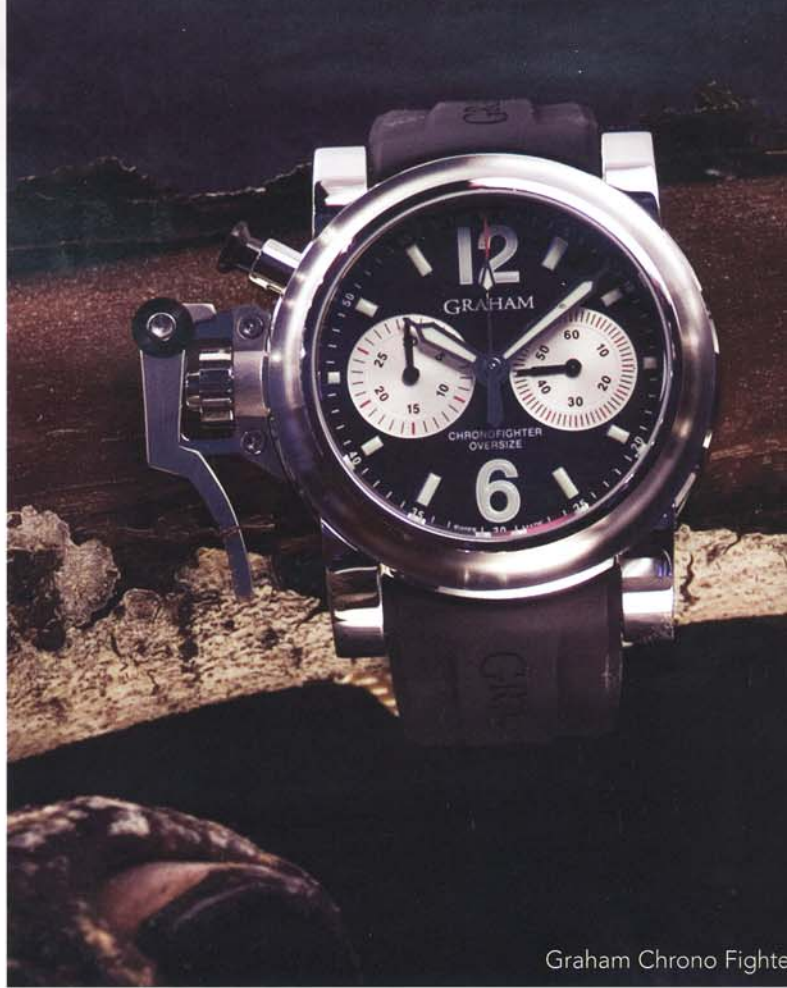
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Oster has the time and all that sparkles.



As a relatively new addition to the trendy Cherry Creek North Shopping District, Oster Watch and Jewelry Boutique shines as one of the most elegant, sophisticated and utterly inviting stores to call this exclusive area home. Born of style, class, true love of the industry and more than a touch of entrepreneurial spirit, Jeremy and Melissa Oster have created a unique haven for the world's finest and most luxurious jewelry and watch collections in Denver retail history. Seasoned collectors may envision more commercial jewelry mainstays when thinking high-end jewels or timepieces; enter Oster Jewelry to burst the bubble on the typical and the ordinary. In the four short years since the boutique's opening, Oster has broken the mold offering Denverites something that is usually only found in the most metropolitan of fashion capitals: world-class luxury, refinement and exclusivity.

THE ROMANCE BEGINS

Jeremy and Melissa met in Aspen igniting their mutual passion for high end watches and all things sparkly. The couple spent more than a decade honing their craft and educating themselves on the intricacies of fine timepieces and jewels. They became professors of the industry, able to identify and introduce high end lines that were only just emerging in the American jewelry market. As true success stories often go, they knew that by venturing out on their own the world was their oyster or opalescent pearl so to speak.

The couple embarked on a buying expedition that led them to jewelry epicenters from California to St. Bart's. They knew that the key to their success was finding an ideal location to start the business. The search was on for a market that didn't already have a high end watch and jewelry store. Remembering the days when they would travel through Denver to visit family, the Mile-High city surfaced as the clear winner. Melissa dubbed the upscale Cherry Creek community as the area that would enable them to thrive as the gateway to elite and independent brands. Contrary to the chain-driven generic norm, Cherry Creek was snazzy,

trendy and independently owned. Perfect! Here customers find luxurious items just as unique and individual as themselves.

CREATING A PLACE FOR COMFORT AND LUXURY

Within the colorful, contemporary walls of the 1,000-square-foot boutique, customers will feel comfortable, welcome and truly at home. The store exudes luxury and magnificence, yet has an air of approachability that makes you feel right at home. Oster doesn't take itself too seriously. Sure one would expect a jewelry store of this magnitude to be intimidating, but nothing could be further from the truth. Jeremy and Melissa have successfully cultivated an atmosphere of comfort without pretense. Traditional and formal? Think again. Hear the gasps, ooh! and aah! over the fabulous finds, visit with the couple for a moment or have a down-to-earth conversation without fear of snobbishness or a glass. After all as Jeremy says, "You are dealing in pleasure."

EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE

As a true expert in the industry, Jeremy is recognized as one of the top watch salesmen in the world. His knowledge and expertise have led to many of the world's most elite timepieces to Denver. In fact, many of the finest wristwatch lines have chosen Oster to carry their most exclusive selections. Among them, Oster is the exclusive authorized retailer for elite brands such as Audemars Piguet, Bell & Ross, Bovet, Parmigiani, Ulysse Nardin, Jaquet Droz, Anonimo, Dunhill, Genta, Graham and many others.

What is right for one customer may not be right for the next. Oster is a place where the customer is king. Parmigiani for instance. Parmigiani has garnered a reputation for elegance and sophistication. The brand represents the finest timepieces money can buy and is touted for high-end style. On the other hand, the exceptional value of Bell & Ross model BR01 is modern, sleek

perfect accent for the hip, fashion-forward customer. Other brands are ideal for the sports enthusiast, swimmer, diver or cross-country traveler, featuring dual time zone capability. Oster's watch lines are exclusive and distinctive. "We prefer intrinsic quality over superficial appeal," Jeremy explains. "We are celebrated as one of the country's leading watch retailers by those in the trade. We have been awarded certain brands that are hard to find anywhere in the country. Oster has come a long way to put Denver on the map for high class watches."

Customers not only have the privilege of learning first hand from one of the industry's best, but they are also introduced to the most gifted and creative watchmakers in the world. Observe Jeremy in action and you will see his passion and dedication for the timepieces he oversees and the connections he cultivates. He presents unique watches of unequalled quality, guiding each customer toward the ideal selection for their individual lifestyle. Jeremy explains, "We build lifetime experiences one customer at a time."

FASHION AND BEYOND

Browse a little longer and you will discover that Melissa is the resident expert on everything fabulous and extraordinary. Beyond an incredible fashion sense and a discerning eye for the unique, Melissa's clear talent is finding talent. "She will literally travel to the ends of the world to find artists with a raw emerging gift," Jeremy confides. Oster features its own line of rare colored gemstones and diamonds and also boasts true artisan jewelry by extraordinary Italian designers such as Stefan Hafner, Valente, Calgaro, Garavelli, K di Kuore, Santagostino, Antonini, and Tanagro. American designers include Dominique Cohen, Amy Levine, Jamie Wolf and K. Brunini.

The Oster jewelry lines possess fabulous intricacy and classically modern design.

Distinctive pieces from Turkish designer Sevan Bicakci are sure to garner a lot of attention. His complex jewelry designs are infused with religious symbolism, featuring the Star of David, Christian crosses and the name of Allah, sometimes within one ring.

Whether you delight in oversized rings bedazzled in jewels, gold linked chains, easy wearing beads or modish layers, you will find something extraordinary at every price point "from \$100 to \$1,000,000."

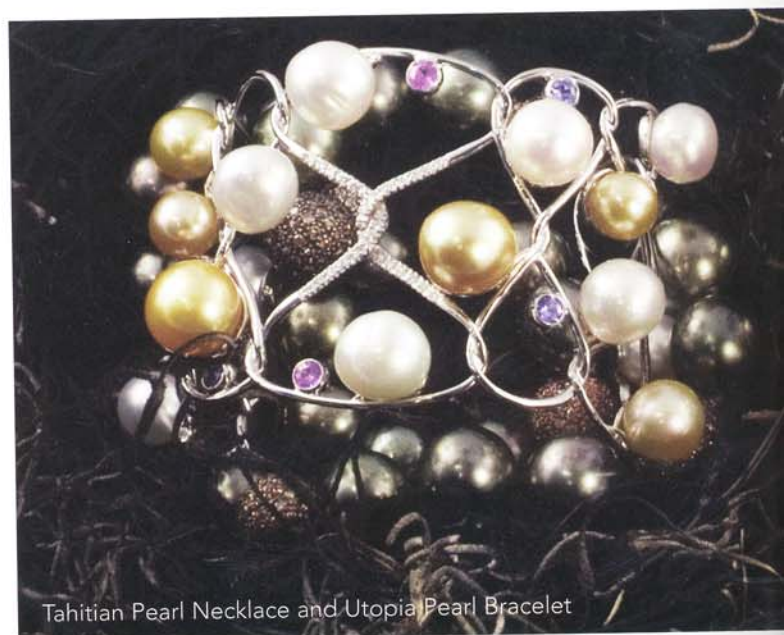
The goal is to introduce "eclectic, less commercial, more artistic true jewelers" to Denver Melissa explains. At Oster you will not find the mass-produced jewelry that sits shining in malls across the US. Melissa has the unique privilege of finding individual, handcrafted pieces that are truly one-of-a-kind. "This business is attractive," Melissa says, "because each piece is individually selected. It is satisfying when you are able to fulfill the customer's desire. When a customer adores what they find, they appreciate the labor of love behind each piece."

Speaking of labor of love, custom pieces conceived by clients and created by the Oster design team tend to create quite a stir. Together with Jeremy, Melissa and their in-house custom jeweler and designer, clients are involved during each stage of the design process. Much like an architect with a vision in mind, the team produces drawings, sketches and option upon stunning option. "Crafting jewelry should be a pleasurable experience," Jeremy explains, "We take away the intimidating aspects, so clients can deal with the fun part." The result is heirloom-esque, one-of-a-kind pieces guaranteed to dazzle and amaze jewelry aficionados from east to west.

If designing your own jewelry isn't tantalizing enough, bring in your favorite clothing items for a complete one-on-one wardrobing session with Melissa, the guru of fashionable pairings. Having a tough time finding the perfect accent to a special gown, business suit or sea-worthy duds? Melissa assists in finding the perfect piece to complement any outfit. Whether diamonds, pearls or precious stones suite your fancy, Melissa's keen eye and astute judgment make choosing the perfect accessory a fabulously fun experience.

CULTIVATING LIFETIME CUSTOMERS

It is plain to see that the Oster's take great pride in their devoted customer service and satisfaction. Discovering a life-time customer is not an unusual concept. In fact, Oster receives high marks for dedication and one-on-one individualized attention. The boutique hosts private shopping nights for charitable organizations, conducts educational seminars and opens its doors for the ever-so-popular, girl's night. Clearly the relationships that are cultivated make Oster what it has grown to become; the standard in Denver for unique lines and class sophistication. Such a clever marriage of client dedication and love of the industry clearly justifies Oster's position among the top jewelry and watch boutiques the world has to offer.



Tahitian Pearl Necklace and Utopia Pearl Bracelet