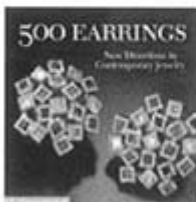


BOOK REVIEW



500 Earrings: New Directions in Contemporary Jewelry

Lark Books, 2007,
\$24.95. 408 pages, color
photographs.

As MAG member **Alan Revere** said in his forward to this book, "earrings are my favorite form of jewelry for a number of reasons. They are the most sculptural jewelry expression, with unlimited possibility for design. Earrings are often suspended so that they are visible from all sides, as well as above and below they are the most dramatic and playful of all jewelry forms and they often come to life with the wearer's movements."

Revere, who juried the collection, and has three of his own pieces in it, had the unenviable job of selecting from 2,500 international entries. The result is a delightful collection that will inspire anyone to rush back to their bench and start creating work that's new and different.

Some of the pieces were selected to display classical goldsmithing at its most creative. Others favored unusual or recycled materials, even food (bagels and chocolate). Many of the earrings were designed not to match; to cover the entire ear, plug the ear hole or cascade down the back to the waist, swing, dangle or jangle. Some were intended to shock and awe and were only marginally wearable; others were flat out funny.

The book's photography is uniformly excellent. Like the other publications in the series (necklaces, bracelets, brooches and rings), they are a steal at the price, in part because they were manufactured in China.

~ Jennifer Cross Gans

Congratulations to **14 MAG members** whose work was included in the book. The starred artists (*) also had pieces in *The Earring Show* at Velvet Da Vinci (Oct. 17 - Nov. 25, 2007).

Petra Class *, **Luana Coonen**, **Ronda Coryell**, **Rebecca Deans***, **Christine Dhein***, **Jo-Ann Maggiora Donovan***, **John Donovan***, **Eileen Gerstein***, **Kathy Kovel**, **emiko oye***, **Alan Revere**, **Glenda Ruth**, **Julia Turner***, and **Roberta Weisenburg***.

Two additional members had work in the Velvet Da Vinci show: **Shana Astrachan** and **Kelly Nedderman**.