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## Phillips Announces the Latest Release of Exquisite Jewels Created by Shaun Leane

Available for Sale on Phillips Flawless, a Unique Private Selling Platform for Jewellery



Shaun Leane, *The Sonnet XVIII earrings*  
18KT rose & white gold, 24.6ct diamonds  
Price: \$690,000

24 NOVEMBER 2020 – Phillips is pleased to announce the latest release of significant new pieces created by Shaun Leane to be showcased on [Flawless](#), Phillips' newly launched private sales platform and online viewing room. Available for private sale from 24 November 2020, this custom curation includes new and archival designs featuring stones of rare beauty and distinction. This new release offers a chance to explore the world of Shaun Leane in advance of Phillips' retrospective exhibition and dedicated sale of Leane's body of work in 2021.

**Shaun Leane** said, "I am excited to showcase my second fine and high jewellery presentation with Phillips – as the next phase in our collaboration. The six pieces embody the evolution of my work – with new forms of iconic silhouettes – including the beautiful and dramatic Sabre Deco edition, and diamond-adorned Serpent's Trace styles. The Sonnet XVIII earrings are a true modern classic, celebrating the purest of flawless diamonds – executed with elegance and the fearless design aesthetic that is the house of Shaun Leane."

**Paul Redmayne, Head of Private Sales, Jewellery**, said, “We are incredibly excited to be receiving these latest creations - quite literally straight off the bench - from Shaun. We proudly started this journey together back in September and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. We knew that Shaun’s innovative, trailblazing aesthetic would appeal so widely - beyond the traditional jewellery collectors and clients - and this has indeed turned out to be the case. In these latest pieces, we see this continued dichotomy of beauty and danger that runs so pertinently through all of Shaun’s work - a nod to the past, so originally anchored in the present and yet so futuristically timeless.”

## Highlights of the new launch

A skilled craftsman, innovator and visionary, Leane has sought to redefine his craft and is celebrated world-wide for his modern romantic jewels that push the boundaries of contemporary design. The collection represents the considerable breadth of Leane’s body of work. Looking back on his career thus far, including many years of collaboration with his close friend Alexander McQueen, the jeweller’s use of materials, motifs and forms is always evolving, as are the sources of inspiration on which he draws.

Incorporating a total of 24.6 carats of diamonds, the intricate Sonnet XVIII earrings are a showcase both of Leane’s exquisite craftsmanship and of the central stones: a set of marquise-cut Forevermark diamonds starting from D-graded flawless. Named for Shakespeare’s Sonnet XVIII, the earrings are seamlessly pierced with rose-gold buds to represent the hope, warmth and eternal beauty of new life.



*Sabre Deco earrings*  
18kt gold, 7.89ct diamond pavé, emerald pavé, ceramic  
Price: \$51,600



*Sabre Deco cuff*  
18kt gold, emerald pavé and ceramic  
Price: \$56,900

Beautiful and dramatic in equal measure, the Sabre Deco emerald and diamond earrings are influenced by African art, as well as by the Art Deco style of 1920s London.

Leane’s signature tusk silhouette is wrapped to create this 18kt gold and black ceramic Sabre Deco emerald cuff, which is finished with 3 carats of emeralds and closes securely thanks to a near-invisible hinge.



*Serpent's Trace diamond choker*  
18kt white gold, 6.73ct diamond pavé  
Price: \$54,800



*Entwined sapphire and diamond ring*  
18kt rose gold and white gold, 3.8ct blue sapphire, diamond pavé  
Price: \$36,300

Set with over 1,000 brilliant diamonds, the 18kt white-gold Serpent's Trace choker explores the organic beauty of the reptilian spine and the matching Serpent's Trace diamond bracelet is equally flexible and graceful.

The ultimate expression of the refined fluidity of Leane's classic Entwined collection, this 18kt rose and white gold Entwined sapphire ring features hallmark curved lines embracing a 3.8 carat sapphire.

Flawless is a unique platform that offers a discreet service for those looking to buy or sell jewellery, diamonds, and gemstones in addition to the online saleroom. The curated programme of sought-after pieces for private sale and upcoming private selling exhibitions is informed by Phillips' understanding of what the market demands.

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#### ABOUT SHAUN LEANE

Shaun Leane started his career training in London's Hatton Garden. While working as a goldsmith, he began a long-standing collaboration with the late Alexander McQueen, creating provocative catwalk jewels that have become iconic milestones in the art of couture jewellery. This high-profile collaboration acted as a catalyst to Leane's burgeoning desire to blend technical perfection with creative freedom, and in 1999 he launched the first collections under the house of Shaun Leane. He has worked on one-of-a-kind projects with artists including Damien Hirst, Sam Taylor-Johnson, Givenchy and Parisian master jeweller Boucheron, among others. Leane has also produced bespoke pieces for beacons of the fashion industry, including legendary houses Alexander McQueen and Givenchy, as well as style icons the Honourable Daphne Guinness, Isabella Blow, Kate Moss, and Sarah Jessica Parker. His jewels are now sought after by tastemakers, royals and prominent jewellery collectors from around the world. July 2018 saw Leane's first move into the architecture and public art realms, with the opening of the 21 Young Street apartment building in Kensington, since then the V&A has acquired a portion of the metalwork for permanent display. With his work also on display in the Jewellery and Fashion Galleries, Leane is one of the few designers to be represented across multiple departments in one of the world's most revered museums.

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