



ARTĚL

LAUNCHES WALTZ OF THE WILD COLLECTION BY STEPHEN WEBSTER

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC – History has shown that when visionary artists venture outside their medium to collaborate with talented creators in other fields, the results can be extraordinary. In this spirit, ARTĚL – the globally renowned producer of luxury crystal – proudly continues its history of collaborative projects with world-class artists by releasing *WALTZ OF THE WILD*, a special collection of handmade glassware designed by the British jeweler Stephen Webster.

Dubbed the “crown hipster of jewelry” by the New York Times and known as the go-to designer for rock stars and celebrity royalty alike, Webster is internationally renowned for his “fearless design, traditional craftsmanship, cutting-edge processes, and commitment to using responsibly and ethically sourced materials.”

Webster’s many followers include ARTĚL company founder/director Karen Feldman, not least because of her shared commitment to similar artistic values. As it turns out, Webster is also an avid fan of Feldman’s glassware designs – so when he proposed a collaboration based on a limited-edition set of his bejeweled brooches, Feldman readily agreed, resulting in the creation of *WALTZ OF THE WILD*.

Designed by Webster and painstakingly handcrafted by ARTĚL’s team of Czech artisans, the new collection consists of six dynamic motifs depicting graceful animals fiercely engaged in combat, which can be purchased either individually or as a set of six glasses:

- COCKEREL
- CRAB
- FIGHTING FISH
- HUMMINGBIRD
- RAM
- SERPENT
- WALTZ OF THE WILD
(Set of six glasses including one of each motif)

In an unusual twist for ARTĚL, the new collection will be produced in two limited variations: either as Double Old Fashioned glasses with luxurious gold gilding exclusively in smoke-colored crystal, or as meticulously hand-engraved Tumblers offered in six “jewel” tones (British racer green, burnt orange, ink, purple, peacock, and smoke).

“We’ve done just a handful of collaborations over the years,” says Feldman, “and this project with Stephen has easily been one of the most rewarding. The minute I saw the collection of brooches, I knew we were a perfect match for this project. The hand-engraving shows the gorgeously rich details of the designs, and the gilded versions are spectacular jewels themselves. I’m quite certain this collection will appeal to ARTĚL fans as well as to Stephen’s many collectors.”

Established in 1998 by American designer and entrepreneur Karen Feldman, ARTĚL specializes in handcrafted, functional crystal glassware of high design. The company takes its name from an early-20th-century collective of Czech artisans whose dedication to preserving the traditional methods of handcraftsmanship led them to reject industrial production techniques. ARTĚL carries on the spirit of these artisans and their commitment to producing – entirely by hand – lasting objects of impeccable quality, design, and functionality. ARTĚL’s award-winning glassware has been exhibited by the Cooper-Hewitt Museum and is in the permanent collection of the Corning Museum of Glass. Available for purchase at ARTĚL’s Prague boutique and exclusive retailers including Asprey, Gump’s, and Scully & Scully; online shopping is available via www.artelglass.com and home design websites including Abask, Artedona, and Chairish.

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