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ARTIST'S STATEMENT

My *Heart locket* exemplifies my quest for perfection in terms of design, material value, and craftsmanship. Even without any contents, this smooth gold or platinum heart, set with first-grade gemstones, is a piece of jewelry to dream of. If we want to see what's inside, the heart opens into two halves held by a solid hinge. One of these halves serves as a place to keep something we cherish under a transparent rock crystal, for instance a picture of our child or a lock of our sweetheart's hair.

Gemstones have always been a central element in my jewelry. I regularly travel to the world's foremost gemstone regions to buy specimens of outstanding quality at the very places where they originate. I then put the most beautiful of them into the limelight on my *Princess rings*, which show off the stones' inimitable colors and brilliance to maximum advantage.



Strawberry heart locket. Necklace. 2009.
Silver with 12 cognac-colored brilliant cut diamonds.
3.6 x 4.4 cm (1 ⁷/₁₆" x 1 ³/₄")



Heart locket. Necklace. 2009.
Yellow gold with 14 ruby cabochons.
5 x 4 x 2.5 cm (2" x 1 ⁹/₁₆" x 1")



Princess Ring. Ring. 2010.
Rose gold, lemon citrine baguette.
2.2 x 1.5 cm (7/8" x 9/16")



Princess Pendant. Pendant. 2011.
Silver, amethyst, champagne-colored
diamonds. 5.6 x 4.8 cm (2 ³/₁₆" x 1 ⁷/₈"