



Monet's Garden Inspires New Natur Collection for 2009

Nature has been H.Stern's recurring source of inspiration for many years, and staying true to this creative philosophy has garnered the jeweller much acclaim while creating successes such as the iconic Stars, Moonlight, Spring and Sunrise collections.

For 2009, the H.Stern design team headed to France, more specifically to the city of Giverny, where the impressionist painter Claude Monet (1840-1926) resided and tended to his private gardens until his death in 1926. Monet did not like constrained, organized gardens, choosing instead to grow flowers, fruit trees and a variety of exotic plants freely, often grouping them in large clumps according to their colors and textures. With the passing years, he added water gardens and ponds full of asymmetries and curves. Elements like bamboo and weeping willows were taken from Japanese gardens known from prints he avidly collected. He was also fascinated by mist and transparency, and for years painted reflections of his plants on water, more than actual flowers.

The understanding of his passions as a painter and the study of his work as a gardener resulted in a jewellery collection of organic forms, interpreted with great attention to the texture and transparency of each leaf. Layered elements in the rings and pendant of generous proportions are a reference to the flower beds of different heights Monet created to add volume and dimension to his garden. The pendants, earrings and rings are contemporary, bold, yet delicate. Additional Impressionist influences are manifested through subtle variation of colour of the diamonds recalling the change of light intensity and hue throughout the day.

The Natur collection features 9 different styles, with retail prices ranging from US\$1,400 to US\$34,000. The collection made its international debut March 4th in Dubai and will be followed by additional presentations throughout Europe in the Spring of 2009, the Las Vegas Couture show in May, and other Latin American markets through the Summer. It will be in H.Stern boutiques and international retail locations Fall 2009.

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