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The Blue Duck Gallery March Newsletter

Happy news folks – Sam and I are going to get married – HURRAY!!! Yes, 2010 is the year of the wedding and because of that I may mention weddings to you a couple of times over the course of the next few months.



Chocolate Diamond Eternity Ring in 18ct Yellow Gold - Goodman Morris

As you already know, we have our wonderful selection of Goodman Morris wedding and engagement rings. Goodman Morris is made up of Alex Goodman, Nicky Morris and their 'brilliant' (ha ha get it?!) team of Maddy & Becky. They are one of the most helpful, friendly and talented teams of jewelers around and between them they can create just about anything you need. Alex is in charge of commissions, his wife Nicky is the Goodman Morris collection designer and has won awards for her exceptional jewellery designs and Maddy & Becky are based in the workshop, beavering away, putting the collections together.

The rings that we have here, as samples, are not the only ones available. Before Christmas we commissioned a chocolate diamond eternity/wedding ring in 18ct red gold which was absolutely sumptuous. Nothing is too much trouble for the guys, from talking us through the process of creating the rings, advising us on sizing and styles, sending us sample rings so that we can see the different metals, the various settings, diamond colours and metal finishes etc... If you have a large engagement ring then we can arrange for a kink to be put into the wedding ring so that the two fit together properly. Basically they are a dream to work with and make a big and scary decision a lot less painful.



3 Diamond Stacking Rings in 18ct Yellow Gold- Alexis Dove

Equally dreamy are Alexis Dove and Justin Small. You guys have been buying Alexis' beautiful Rose, Belle & Blossom collections from me for a while, however she and her partner Justin also create some of the most beautiful engagement & wedding rings known to man (in my opinion!). Generally Alexis' rings have a more beaten effect than Goodman Morris' although she can also make the more traditional smooth finishes. The rings are 100% handmade and each stone that is used is slightly different. This means that if you like the ring you see in front of you, you need to buy it because it cannot be replicated. However, if you wish – and here's the real winner – she can send us a selection of stones for you to look at and then you can choose your own stone which means that your ring will not only be entirely unique to you but it will have been made especially for you.

Let's talk metals now. Our jewelers will work in:

18ct Yellow Gold
18ct Red Gold
18ct White Gold
Platinum
22ct Gold
Palladium

(Yes that's right, Palladium)



Beautiful Diamond Ring in Palladium – Alexis Dove

Alexis & Justin are massive advocates of Palladium which is a metal that may not currently mean a lot to you. It is a very hard, white metal which is a much more affordable option to either white gold or platinum (the price of the latter has literally gone into the stratosphere!). It may seem a bit worrisome to choose a ring in a material you're not terribly familiar with but to put your mind at rest Palladium has recently been given its own hallmark and the guys hardly ever make a white metal ring using anything else nowadays (although of course they will if you would prefer).

Please, if you're getting married or you know anyone who is, then send them to talk to us. And remember, if you have terrifyingly expensive taste, we have the OWN ART Scheme which can also be used for jewellery so you can pay interest free over 10 months. This also applies to any work in the gallery with a value of between £100-£2000.