



La Fenêtre dans le Ciel' (1957) by Marc Chagall. Price on request at this year's PAD fair

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Right and below centre: sketches by Frances Priest. Below and far right: rings by Alice Cicolini



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fone stand catches your eye at PAD London, the annual art and design extravaganza held in Mayfair's Berkeley Square, it's bound to be the jewellery gallery Objet d'Emotion, whose vibrant pieces and innovative displays are the handiwork of its founder Valery Demure. The multidisciplinary curator cut her teeth at the cult Nineties Carnaby jeweller Jess James, where window dressing became her forte. 'It was pioneering,' she says. 'We introduced avantgarde names who were then unknown to London – Lara Bohinc, Stephen Webster, Shaun Leane.'

At her east-London-based consultancy, Demure matchmakes clients with designers who elevate

their craft to an art. One such is Alice Cicolini, a research associate at Central Saint Martins and the former Arts & Culture director for the British Council in India, who combines a Jaipuri enamelling method known as *meenakari* with topaz, indigo iolite and rough sapphires in her beautiful creations. 'They are so sophisticated,' Demure says. 'Alice finds inspiration from sources as varied as the architecture of the ancient Silk Road and Ettore Sottsass and the Memphis Group.' Another heritage technique is deployed in a contemporary style by the Brazilian designer Silvia Furmanovich, who juxtaposes wood and diamonds for a modern take on marquetry.

In a break with tradition, Demure will arrange her exhibits according to aesthetic or theme, rather than by designer because, as she points out, this is how we look at pieces we might want to wear ourselves. They will be shown alongside specially commissioned mosaic vases by the Scottish clay artist Frances Priest, and furniture by Simone Brewster, a trained architect and stone carver who also creates fine art and jewellery. CHARLOTTE BROOK

Objet d'Emotion (vvvv.objetdemotion.com) is at this year's PAD London.

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## CERAMICS



GOLDEN TO gilded allure of Karen Swami's delication Pottery is more than a job for me: it is Promethean.' So says the comicist Karen Swami, who had co stints in finance and film production - keeping a potter's wheel in her office all the while - before deciding to work with clay full-time in 2013. Since then, she has exhibited in the Grand Palais, collaborated with Dior and opened an eponymous atelier next to the Giacometti Institute in Paris' 14th arrondissement. Today, Swami focuses on throwing oval vessels in pure white porcelain and black or red stoneware. Not afraid to experiment, she finishes some of her designs with a single, sleek glaze, and puts others through multiple firings, peeling off scorched fragments to create an organic pattern and filling the final cracks with lacquer, pewter and gold. Swami is inspired by the British ceramicists Magdalene Odundo and Lucie Rie, but also embraces the Japanese art of kintsugi: gluing together broken shards of china with gold. 'At the beginning, the technique was an answer to a problem - pure opportunism,' she says. 'But now, I like it because it brings a certain integrity, and it shows the fragility of a piece.' CB Karen Swami (www.swami.fr).



Top right: Karen Swami in her studio. Above and right: a selection of her ceramics

Right: 'Red-Yellow-Blue #20' (1987) by Keith Haring. Below: Still Life with Large Carafe and Lantern' (1922) by Charles Edouard-Jeanneret. Bottom: 'Abstraktes Bild' (1979) by Gerhard Richter







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