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"A piece of 'artist's jewelry', like a painting or a sculpture, is a work of art. Springing from the same creative approach, it possesses the same force, poetry and ability to provoke, sometimes even the same humor. It is only their ultimate purpose that distinguishes one from the other" – Diane Venet, Artists' Jewelry Collector.

After the great success of the first artists' jewelry show in Dubai, Custot Gallery Dubai is pleased to announce the prolongation of the show until 31 July 2018.

From Alexander Calder, Lucio Fontana and Niki de Saint Phalle, through to Anish Kapoor, Marc Quinn, Ron Arad and Pablo Reinoso, many of the greatest artists and designers of the 20th and 21st centuries have turned both their thoughts and talent to jewelry.

Bracelets, necklaces, earrings, rings, these art creations cover the entire spectrum of jewelry. Often imagined as a proof of love, these artists' jewels were originally intended for their families and close ones.

Through a selection of unique pieces and limited editions in gold, silver and bejeweled works, the most important European and American artists will be exhibited, as well as major artists from the Middle East: Sahand Hesamiyan and Poursan Jinchi.

With the artist's paintings, sculptures and works on paper presented in dialogue with their jewelry pieces, the exhibition highlights how accents of the artworks can be found in the jewelry. Like his sculpture, Anish Kapoor's jewelry plays with ideas of depth and perception using yellow and white gold and coloured enamel in various combinations to create the effects of illusion. As with Alexander Calder, who sculpted more than 1,800 unique jewelry works throughout his life, his creations recall tribal and African elements in art, and his use of their symbols in his gouaches and mobiles followed through to his jewelry making.

The exhibition brings together over 80 pieces of jewelry and 20 works of art from the artists Azza Al Qubaisi, Ron Arad, Peter Blake, Alexander Calder, Enrico Castellani, Vincent Coste, Ian Davenport, Niki de Saint Phalle, Barry Flanagan, Lucio Fontana, Antony Gormley, Sahand Hesamiyan, Poursan Jinchi, Anish Kapoor, Jeff Koons, Marc Quinn, Pablo Reinoso, Hervé van der Straeten, Sophia Vari and Bernar Venet.

The exhibition was designed by the architect Vincent Coste.

Image: Anish Kapoor, *Water Pendant, Form I, Large*, 2013, 22k gold polished exterior with blue cold enamel interior 76g, 7.2 x 7.2 x 2.4 cm, edition of 5 plus 2 AP. Courtesy of Louisa Guinness Gallery. Photo Credit: Richard Valencia.

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