

REFINED DESIGNS

Getting Noticed

AFTER MORE THAN 20 years creating extravagant pieces for prestigious jewelry houses, **Nadia Morgenthaler** (nadia-morgenthaler.com) is making a name for herself. Several years ago, the Swiss jeweler started producing her own designs, and they are available now at her namesake Geneva atelier and salon as well as in New York City through FD Gallery (fd-gallery.com). As both designer and craftsman, she is capable of bringing a piece from initial concept to final creation, which is particularly useful, she says, when making complex chandelier earrings. “Earrings must be mobile, not static,” notes Morgenthaler. “When they brush against a woman’s neck, it should have a sensual feeling.” Her pieces typically feature dainty natural pearls, as seen on the earrings and rings shown here (prices upon request). “I gravitate to natural pearls because they are formed without the intervention of man,” she says, “and they are soft, round, and pretty.” This elegant style is fast becoming her signature. —JILL NEWMAN

