

The Levitas Art Collection. Timeless Beauty

The famous Russian watchmaker Konstantin Chaykin presented Levitas Art, his new collection of watches for women at the Top Marques Shanghai Exhibit. Levitas Art consists of four women's watches based on the Levitas model – they all have a transparent sapphire crystal and floating hands in the center. The watches are all encased in exquisite cases and are being released in a strictly limited number.

Konstantin Chaykin invented completely new movements for the Levitas watches. The hands are magically suspended in the center of the dial without any visible means of support. The sapphire glass crystal heightens the illusion of 'free fall'.

The Levitas Art Collection radiates the magic of the materials used for the cases: three models, are decorated with the classic Florentine style mosaics in the 'pietra dura' style. Coral and jade were used in the mosaic on the stunning black and red model. The blue model is decorated with turquoise, lapis lazuli and violan. And the blooming Meihua plum branch on the third model was created using honey jade and opals.

The dial of the fourth model in the Levitas Art Collection was made of mother of pearl. Mother of pearl has been used for millennia to decorate luxurious ornaments; the lovely and tender colors and the surprising strength of mother of pearl have always attracted artists, jewelers and lovers of beauty. According to ancient legend, mother of pearl helps develop intuition, maintains peace in the family and protects the home from evil spirits.

"Levitas Art is my first line for women", admits Konstantin Chaykin, "I am dedicating this collection to my mother. Each model reflects a different mood and is designed to be enjoyed for its beauty; women are very responsive to beauty."

The Levitas Art Collection is being released in very limited numbers – only 5 of each model. Konstantin Chaykin is not planning to release additional watches in this collection: "I put my heart and soul into these watches and believe that each one will find its true owner and its true home".

The Florentine mosaic technique was developed on the banks of the Arno River in the 16th century and used actively during the Late Renaissance. One school of Florentine mosaics is known as the 'pietra dura' style in recognition of the stones and minerals used to create the natural looking shapes (adopted in India where it is known as the '**parchin kari**'). Skillful artists use incredibly thin slices of various stones to create pictures – and it is hard to believe that the soft and natural results are made of stone, not painted. Since each stone used is unique, the resulting image is also unique. Florentine mosaics are in truth one of the royal arts of jewelry-making.

About Konstantin Chaykin Watch Manufacture

Konstantin Chaykin Watch Manufacture is a Russian company specializing in high-end watches and clock movements. Manufacture head is a famous Russian watchmaker and inventor who has registered a score of patented inventions and new ingenious watch complications. He is the member of Académie Horlogère Des Createurs Indépendants (AHCI). In-house calibers are used for the manufacture high-end watches producing.

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