



BAUBLES WE LOVE...

The latest **Bao Ping** (meaning 'treasures in the vase') collection of pendants, earrings and rings from **Qeelin** takes inspiration from Chinese vases from the Qing, Tang and the Chunqiu dynasties. The vases double as kaleidoscopes featuring multi-coloured gemstones such as sapphires and garnets, an innovative feature that is sure to delight and surprise jewellery lovers. Besides the limited-edition Chun Qiu Bao Ping pendant (only 88 pieces, pictured above centre) featuring an adjustable clasp necklace with rubies, our favourite is the Tang Bao Ping pendant in white gold set with diamonds.

Launched by **Nicole Richie** in 2008, **House of Harlow 1960** is a contemporary jewellery line featuring easy and stylish pieces; as fans of the brand we are in good company with **Madonna** and **Claudia Schiffer** (pictured right). Its latest collection of rings, cuffs, earrings and pendants is inspired by armour, whether in a form of a shield as physical protection, or a spiritual symbol such as the evil eye. House of Harlow 1960 is available from **Little Black Dress** (61 Wellington Street, Central, tel: 2147 3218) and **Hampstead** (28 Yiu Wa Street, Causeway Bay, tel: 2702 0038).



CURVACEOUS COUTURE

WHAT? Founded in 2009, **Sovereign Romance** specialises in couture, party and evening dresses inspired by love and romance and featuring feminine details such as chiffon flowers and crystal beads. Celebrity clients include **Sammi Cheng**, **Kelly Lin** and **Kay Tse**.

WHO? Born and raised in Hong Kong, 27-year-old founder and designer **Kev Yiu** developed an interest in making clothes and dresses at a young age. "I was so in love with beads and ribbons that when I was about 13 I used up my pocket money to buy a mini sewing machine and started making poorly constructed fancy dresses for my little sister," he recalls.

Yiu studied fashion and clothing at Amersham & Wycombe College in England, where he launched his collection in 2006. He brought the label to Shanghai in 2009 and Hong Kong earlier this year.

WHY? "Just as the name implies, my brand intends to enrich people's lives with romanticism by offering alluring and classical garments with a contemporary twist," says Yiu. "As a designer I think a gown must show a woman's curves; the second thing is to express her character. While casual wear is often affected by trends, evening gowns are meant to emphasise the feminine identity."

WHERE? Sovereign Romance is available from **Fasherati** (3/F, 31-33 Yiu Wah Street, Causeway Bay, tel: 2383 8805) or email kev@sovereign-romance.com. For more information, visit www.sovereign-romance.info.



Kev Yiu has built a celebrity following for his label Sovereign Romance (above)

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