

## SUNROOM Q+A: TATIANA VAN LANCKER OF VAN ROBOTS

We're thrilled to welcome jewelry designer, Tatiana Van Lancker, the creator and founder of VAN ROBOTS, to the Sunroom family. Her bespoke collection offers a truly customary, personalized, and refreshing approach to fine jewelry for everyday wear.

Her futurist modern treasures come to life by way of a small bespoke atelier in Arezzo, Tuscany, where each piece is handcrafted from 18k gold and precious stones. Studded with complimentary jeweled combinations – from fuchsia pink tourmaline to shimmering citrine – each "Robot" is a playfully archetypical exploration of material, essence, and form.

To coincide with her new collection, we invited Tatiana for a round of the Sunroom Q+A.



**What drew you to jewelry initially? What do you feel can be expressed uniquely through this medium?**

Fine jewelry is closely linked to the expression of family. My love affair started at a very young age wearing jewelry pieces of my mother and grandmother.

**What is the significance and origin story of the brand name, Van Robots?**

I love that Robots reflect both the past and the present. Van (from Van Lancker) reflects that family is central to my brand. I create many bespoke designs incorporating family birthstones and engravings – heirlooms for the future.



**The playful, talismanic quality to each gemmed figure is refreshing! Can you speak more to your desire to blend the classical and contemporary in your designs?**

In all my design work, whether it's fine jewelry, interiors or my recent Murano lighting and glassware designs I love to juxtapose classical and contemporary in an unexpected manner. Design that starts a conversation.



**Is there a piece of creative advice you rely on or return to often, as a designer?**

Less is more. Design that makes you smile and doesn't take itself too seriously.

**Favorite stone combinations, or recent pairings you've been exploring?**

I'm working on a new collection with clashing iridescent stones - Paraiba tourmalines, pink and orange sapphires, emeralds, mixed with diamonds and Australian opals.



**Since we have end-of-summer travel on our minds: are there any special spots in Italy you recommend to visit (perhaps lesser known but still incredible secret gems?)**

Our beloved country home is near Anghiari in Tuscany – the area is really an undiscovered gem.

**Rapid Fire:**

**Song I'm playing right now on repeat (or artist/album):** Our girls Leila and Lily (10 and 8) have taken over the music so it's a lot of Ava Max, Shawn Mendes, Harry Styles

**When I need fresh inspiration, I go to...:** Sleep. Some of my best ideas come in my dreams.

**Best meal of recent memory? (Either dining out or prepared at home):** Harry's Bar in London will always be my favorite.

**My top suggestion for well-being and taking care of myself:** Our two dachshunds Sassi and Nella

**Books on my nightstand:** The Thursday Murder Club, Sorrow and Bliss, Traitor King

**My ultimate travel escape:** Sydney, AUS, where I grew up



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