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# Expect *the* Unexpected

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For 2023, it's all about fun, humorous, and unexpected designs, which will allow your jewellery choices to stand out.



Tatiana Van Lancker's bijoux bots are adorable. Reggy, Pinky, Smeraldo, Roma, and Amore can move and shimmy. What sparked this fascination with robots? "I love all robots – they represent the past, present, and future. In all my designs, I like to juxtapose the classical and the contemporary in an unexpected manner," she says.



## Tatiana Van Lancker

Tatiana crafts fine jewellery that feels fun and doesn't take itself too seriously. "I love jewellery that is a good conversation starter, and also wanted to bring an element of magic and surprise into the designs." The Van Robots are created in 18k gold with articulated arms and legs giving them a spirited, childlike quality – quite in contrast to how robots are perceived, she adds. "Thanks to AI being so central to the development of so many industries, robots are ever present in our society." The appeal of Van Robots lies in their quirky, retro, friendly design. Although they may seem quite futuristic, the design is a nod to Art Deco influences and Incan motifs. "The weighty, tactile robots are contemporary in design yet made according to classical Tuscan techniques in Arezzo."

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