





INTERNATIONAL WATCH GUIDE



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# Audemars Piguet Diamond Punk Onyx

This award-winning masterpiece (Best Jewelry Watch at the Grand Prix d'Horlogerie de Genève, the watchmaking Oscars), is a beautiful diamond and black onyx bracelet hiding a secret watch. The artisans and watchmakers at Audemars Piguet need more than 1,440 hours to snow-set the 5,326 diamonds and assemble this work of wearable art. \$590,000. audemarspiguet.com



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### Chanel Boy.Friend

Inspired by by the well-known Chanel No. 5 octagonal-shaped bottle stopper, the Boy.Friend (yes, that's how it's spelled) watch is very feminine, yet has classic masculine design codes. For Chanel, this matches perfectly with Coco Chanel's approach to fashion, as she famously incorporated pieces from masculine wardrobes into her collections for women. **\$12,500.** *chanel.com* 



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#### Fabergé Lady Compliquée Winter

With no hands, this 38mm platinum cased watch uses a retrograde fan and moving hour markers to display the time. The white mother-of-pearl marquetry dial is slowly covered by the blades of the fan, fifteen minutes for each, then the blades jump back to the next hour. **\$67,500.** Faberge.com

# TIV/ELESS TREASURES

There no doubt that it's difficult for a gift to stand out during the holiday season. Everyone already receives enough holiday baskets, flowers and wine to last through the New Year. What you're really looking for is a gift that will be timeless and that your loved ones will treasure forever. A watch fits this bill better than just about anything else. Here are the most interesting fine timepieces, perfect for any holiday stocking —or even as a gift to yourself!





#### **Tiffany East West**

The new East West is a prime example of Tiffany's long history of watchmaking innovation. Designed to be unisex, it is perfect for the woman who wants to make a statement and is not just a man's watch reimagined. Inspired by a purse watch sold by Tiffany in the 1940s, the new East West collection is a different way of wearing the time, starting at \$3,500. Tiffany.com

### FOR WOMEN





### **Bovet Amadeo** Fleurier 39 Poppies

Combining high watchmaking with high art, the "Poppies" is a one-of-a-kind timepiece that features the work of Russian jeweler Ilgiz Fazulzyanov, who is a master of *Grand Feu* (high fire) enamel. The enamel miniature painting is on an 18K gold base plate, and this 39mm white gold automatic timepiece has diamonds hand-set on the bow, bezel, lug, strap-bolt and crown. **\$142,600.** *Bovet.com* 



### Ralph Lauren **RL Automotive** Skeleton

Inspired by Ralph Lauren's prized Bugatti Type 57SC Atlantic Coupe, the RL Automotive Skeleton uses the same wood, Amboyna Burl, as that from the Bugatti's steering wheel on its bezel. The wood in each watch bezel will gradually age, taking on a distinctive patina, ensuring that each watch is unique The RL Automotive Skeleton is powered by a manual-wind open-worked movement that allows the wearer to see the mechanism spinning away. \$50,000. Ralphlauren.com



#### **Officine Panerai Luminor 1950 3 Days** Titanio DLC – 47mm

This 300 piece limited edition in DLC coated titanium has a dial, known as the "California" (mixing Roman numerals and Arabic numbers), that is a replica of the dial of the very first Panerai watch (1936), made expressly for the Italian Navy. Powered by an in-house Panerai automatic movement with a three-day power reserve, this new Luminor 1950 commemorates the year the distinctive crown protection case was introduced.





#### **Frederique Constant Horological Smart** Watch

A unique combination of a fine analog watch with smart watch functions built in, the Horological Smart Watch from Frederique Constant lets you enjoy an information (activity and sleep patterns) you need. This information is shared with your IOS or Android device, while the subdial at six o'clock displays how much sleep or activity you are getting. \$1,295. Frederiquecontant.com





#### **Bremont Jaguar MKI**

British brand Bremont Watch started working with Jaguar by making clocks for the C-X75 Supercar. The Jaguar MKI is designed with Ian Callum, Jaguar's head of design, and is inspired by the dashboard instruments on the iconic Jaguar E-type launched in 1961, then the fastest production car in the world. A rotor shaped like a Jaguar steering wheel winds this automatic timepiece and is visible through the sapphire crystal exhibition back. **\$10,950.** *Bremont.com* 

# FOR MEN



#### **Breguet Tradition** Chronographe **Indépendant 7077**

Breguet is one of the most famous names in watchmaking, and this visually stunning chronograph would look as at home on this grandmaster's wrist in 1790 as it does today. Available in a 44mm case in 18K white or rose gold, the 3-D, open-worked design will never go out of style. Rose Gold **\$78,900**, White Gold **\$79,700**. Breauet.com



The vintage 1958 Constellation Automatic Chronometer from



#### LATEST WATCH PLACEMENTS

At the end of this year, there were several high profile watch placements. Hamilton watches are featured prominently in the Matt Damon starrer "The Martian." Damon is wearing the All Black BelowZero watch throughout the movie, while other actors are wearing current and vintage Hamiltons.

Today's highest profile placement has to be Omega in the James Bond movies -- the brand has been the official watch of the Bond franchise since 1995's "GoldenEye."

Omega is also on George Clooney's wrist in "Tomorrowland." He wears a vintage 1958 Constellation Automatic Chronometer.

His timely quote? "With every second that ticks by, the future is running out."

#### WATCH PROPS

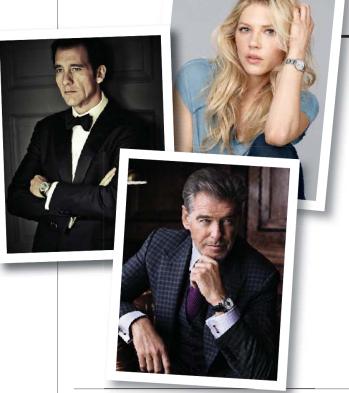
Getting a watch right for a character is important because if the movie chooses the wrong watch or other prop, it can break the fourth wall. "If someone is wearing a digital watch in the 1950s, for example, that would be very, very wrong," propmaster Noel Cowell says. "I really like choosing watches for the movies, as it is completely characterdriven. It's a nice satisfaction to know that I've gotten the watch right for a character, no matter whether anyone else notices."

### STAR WARS REVISITED

With the next "Star Wars" just around just around the corner (Dec. 18 worldwide), two companies have made officiallysanctioned Star Wars specials.

On the high end, Devon has introduced a Star Wars themed Tread I, after working in close collaboration with Disney. On the lower end, but just as interesting,

Nixon has introduced Star Wars Dark Side watches – Ranger Stormtrooper, Imperial Pilot, Darth Vader and Boba Fett.



Patek Philippe's ref. 5016A Only Watch sold for \$7,300,000 - the highest price

ever paid for a wristwatch at auction. Onlywatch.com

# PARTNERSHIPS AND BRAND AMBASSADORS

Clive Owen was the face of the launch of Jaeger-LeCoultre's new Geophysic watches. Katheryn Winnick, star of the History Channel's "Vikings," is representing Raymond Weil. Pierce Brosnan began working with Peter Speake-Marin after the watchmaker consulted on Brosnan's "Survivor." TAG Heuer made a big splash by signing NFL quarterback Tom Brady. Hublot introduced the fourth watch in their partnership with the NFL's Dallas Cowboys, called the Big Bang Dallas Cowboys. Tissot is the Official Timekeeper of the NBA (and has partnership deals with five NBA teams - the Bulls, the Lakers, the Heat, the Knicks and the Spurs).

# SPONSORSHIP AND WATCH BRANDS

Watches have always been popular on the red carpet, but lately watch brands have gotten involved as sponsors of film festivals. IWC is a partner with the Tribeca Film Festival; Jaeger-LeCoultre is celebrating its 10 year anniversary with the Venice Film Festival (and it also sponsors Toronto, Abu Dhabi, Shanghai and others); Glashütte Original works with the Berlinale; and Chopard creates the Palm D'Or for the Cannes Film Festival.

For the past nine years, Frederique Constant has been the charity sponsor of Variety's "Power of Women" luncheon and has donated its Ladies Automatic Heart Beat watches for charity auction.



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