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# RACHELLE DAUPHINÉE

## JEWELRY

by Rachelle Dauphinée

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Since 2006 Rachelle Dauphinée Jewelry has been accessorizing our wardrobes at the most critical moments. Regardless of the occasion, Dauphinée has thought of something unusual and fabulous for all of us. Crystal Charity Ball? Turn heads with her stunning Marquis Link Necklace. Cattle Baron's Ball? How 'bout the Double Helene Cuff? Even for something as mild as a baby shower or a night of dancing with the girls, Rachelle Dauphinée has got you covered. The Dallas-based designer has a unique approach to meticulously creating beautifully handcrafted jewelry. Gold and silver metals sometimes combined with precious and semi-precious stones are enough reason to start collecting this contemporary yet classic jewelry line. She draws her inspiration from Morocco, Egypt and India. "All of the pieces in the collection are named after women of power throughout the ages, throughout history," says Rachelle. Seems to me that Rachelle Dauphinée may very well be a woman of power herself, which is ultimately why La Mode Dallas has included her in our list.

At the age of 17, Dauphinée began working in retail and by 24, she was a top jewelry seller for Stanley Korshak. "I got to work with a lot of designers and fell in love with the idea of designing product and the history that goes into jewelry design," says Dauphinée. After a promotion, she became a buyer for Stanley Korshak and was given the opportunity to assist in developing men's jewelry and accessories.

**Medusa Pendant**  
with faceted  
Rock Crystal on chain



From there, she was recruited to the jewelry buying department at Neiman Marcus Direct and Online. She then tried a hand in wholesale consulting for startup jewelry design businesses. Needless to say, Rachelle Dauphinée knows jewelry. "One of the things I've noticed throughout the twenty-three years that I've been in the business is that it's important to have a concept that is original and continuity within your product so that when you're flipping through a magazine, your name doesn't necessarily have to be under the product. They can simply look at the product and know that it's Rachelle Dauphinée or whomever," she explains.

Being able to create her own product rather than simply sketching it was important to Rachelle. And she has a production team that puts it all together right here in the metroplex. The result is modern Bohemian chic with an emphasis on the 'chic'. The result is Texas meets New York in the most delightful way. The result is timeless.

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(Earrings above)

**Athena**  
with carnelian & blue opal quartz

**Asteria**  
with clear Swarovski crystals

**Crazy Majarani**  
Gold w/ carnelian & jade.

Her sheer determination and inevitable talent have not gone unnoticed and we should be proud to share a city with such a woman and artist.

Rachelle Dauphinée Jewelry can be bought at select Saks Fifth Avenue stores, at Stanley Korshak and other high-end boutiques. Go to [www.rachelledauphinée.com](http://www.rachelledauphinée.com) for more information. ■

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**Large Kalypso**  
with faceted blue quartz



**Small Kalypso**  
with faceted clear Rock Crystal (Carrie Underwood wore this on the red carpet for American idol in Orlando)



**Diana**  
with red jade



**Sol**  
with faceted rock crystal