

NOHRA HAIME GALLERY

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SOPHIA VARI WEARABLE SCULPTURE

October 31 - December 8, 2012

Sophia Vari's "portable sculptures" will be on view at the Nohra Haime Gallery from October 31st to December 8th: necklaces, earrings, bracelets, rings, cufflinks, belts and minaudières.

Known for her sculptures and paintings, Vari spontaneously ventured into jewelry twenty years ago, creating what she would later call her "portable sculptures," an array of exceptional objects with her trademark sensuousness.

Whether solid gold or silver, wood or marble, her jewels have the characteristic of her monumental work. Intertwining shapes created by arabesques and colored woods reminiscent of her painted sculptures twirl and swing thus becoming compositions full of movement and life. Her use of gold illuminates the construction and lightens the lines.

Vari's exploration of jewelry originated as the artist observed her mini-models for sculpture, and felt the urge to make one into wearable jewelry. She only wants the best, stating "if the material is beautiful, the passage of time instead of wearing it out, will refine it." Vari creates these pieces as works of art, adapting them to be worn only after they have been conceived.

In Vari's jewelry we find harmony between geometry, abstraction and humanity. Her restrained and polished expression inspires respect, admiration, and irresistible sensuality. As Vari's works become part of a person's physical expression, they satisfy the senses and waken the emotions. For Vari this was a profound liberation as she searched for a form of expression that would occupy less space, and still be tangible and alive. Somewhat magically, Vari's abstract constructions become pendants, rings, bracelets or evening bags that can either be worn or displayed as small sculptures.

Vari's sculptural objects are unique or editions of 8.

DATES: October 31 - December 8, 2012

RECEPTION FOR THE ARTIST: Thursday, October 31 from 6 – 8 p.m.

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