

Pearl Power

This month, the fragile symbolism of the orchid, captured in fine jewellery by a UAE-based designer, meets its match in a British maison's opulent, pearl-clad heels



Mariyeh Ghelichkhani Blush ring

Mariyeh Ghelichkhani spent her childhood in Tehran finishing homework in her father's jewellery workshop, the smell of molten gold as familiar to her as anything else in the house. After his death, she picked up his tools in what was less a career choice than a way of keeping something of him going. She launched her Dubai-based label in 2024, shaped by years spent moving between Istanbul, Marbella, Lisbon, London and the UAE. The Orchid Collection, her most personal work to date, borrows the flower's off-kilter beauty and the way it holds together, even when it looks as if it shouldn't. The Blush ring is the stand-out piece: 18K rose gold built around a South Sea pearl; an Australian opal and a tourmaline set either side; small, brilliant-cut diamonds scattered through, as if they landed there by chance; and enamel warming up the whole design. Part inheritance, part reinvention, very Ghelichkhani. **MARIYEHGHELICHKHANI.COM**



Jimmy Choo Sacaria Platform 120 white satin sandals

Jimmy Choo and Tamara Mellon started the house together, along with Sandra Choi, in 1996, and it didn't take long for Jimmy Choo to become shorthand for the kind of shoe that probably gets photographed more than it gets worn. Princess Diana was a fan, as has been more or less every leading lady since. The Sacaria Platform 120 leans hard into that reputation: Italian-made white satin, covered almost end to end in pearls, building up to one oversized, logo-engraved pearl at the vamp. The fashion house describes it as "maximalist glamour", which is fair enough, though "a great many pearls" would do just as well. A 25mm platform takes some of the sting out of the 120mm heel, so the shoe is more wearable than it has any right to be. The buckle-fastening ankle strap holds firm enough for a proper night out, whether that's on Al Maryah Island or somewhere along the Amalfi coast. **JIMMYCHOO.COM**