

Ernesto Moreira



The extraordinary beauty of some of the world’s finest gems comes to life under the skilled hands of jewelry designer Ernesto Moreira. Commissioned by the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Moreira draws from decades of experience as an internationally acclaimed designer to create artistic masterpieces for the Smith Gem Vault, permanently housed in the Museum’s Cullen Hall of Gems & Minerals. Thousands of hours of meticulous design and superb craftsmanship have gone into creating this stunning jewelry collection, which includes rare sapphires, garnets, amethysts, Russian diamonds and aquamarines cradled in precious metal, and all bearing Moreira’s signature style. In this unprecedented display of pure color, movement and intelligent design, Moreira perfectly captures the beauty found in nature, and transforms these gems into stunning works of art.

Born in Cuba and raised in Spain, Moreira’s Latin influences are evident in his award-winning jewelry designs. His love of simplicity—and the reflection of his international, artistic environment—infuse his jewelry with an elegance and significance that is at once modern and timeless. At age 19, he was featured in his first gallery exhibit and continued to publicly display his work throughout his college career, winning numerous scholarships. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Jewelry Design from the University of Houston, and his Master of Fine Arts in Jewelry Design from the Rochester Institute of Technology—School for American Crafts.

Moreira launched his own design firm, Ernesto Moreira Couture Jewelry in 1999. His first collection was an immediate sensation and garnered critical industry acclaim. His innovative designs have garnered many awards; he is a two-time Spectrum Award winner, and recipient of the American Facet Award. Moreira was also named a “Rising Star” in the JCK Las Vegas ByDesign Pavilion, and was featured in the JA New York International Jewelry Design Guild’s New Designer Gallery. In 2002 Perles de Tahiti, G.I.E., honored Moreira in its Tahitian Pearl Trophy competition for his stunning Adora “Raindrops” Necklace.

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