

PRESS RELEASE

Irena Veselá Rendlová, Karel Votipka – Metal and stone, stone and metal – an exhibition of jewellery in Gallery KusKovu - 13. 11. – 18. 12. 2008

We cordially invite you to the opening of work by Irena Veselá Rendlová and Karel Votipka which will take place on Wednesday November 12, 2008 at 7 pm in Gallery KusKovu. The exhibition called “Metal and stone, stone and metal” runs until December 18, 2008.

Jewellery by **Irena Veselá Rendlová** is slightly influenced by the style of Art Nouveau but it always emphasises the beauty of the stone or fossil, which is sensitively set into each piece. Irena works with white brass and silver, which perfectly complement the stones she uses. Irena's work is also influenced by her great hobby – historical and folklore dance.

Karel Votipka is for many people a synonym for great invention, brilliant craftsmanship and careful choice of stones. Karel works on his jewels from the very beginning. When he uses Czech stones he leaves, armed with a hammer, for the countryside where he looks for a suitable mineral and then he cuts the stone and fits it into the jewel. The stone is always the priority. Karel's breakthrough to the international design scene was at the New York exhibition in Helen Drutt's gallery in 1999. His collection there was seen by Madeleine K. Albright and she bought one of Karel's brooches. The jewels by Karel Votipka are not only decoration – when they are not worn they become a cabinet sculpture, a work of art.

About Gallery KusKovu:

Gallery KusKovu (Piece of Metal) is dedicated to objets d'art, sculpture and jewellery made from metal or metal combined with other materials. Gallery KusKovu presents art pieces by Czech artist blacksmiths and goldsmiths, both experienced and recent graduates. Its priority is conceptual originality and exceptional craftsmanship.

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