

The Lightning Ridge Collection *by John Ford*

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John Ford's Lightning Ridge Collection Takes Oscars By Storm

Stars Wear Designs to The Oscars

GALVESTON, TEXAS (February 23, 2015) – Designs from the Lightning Ridge Collection by John Ford were worn to The Oscars.

Access Hollywood's Shaun Robinson broadcasted from the red carpet wearing a magnificent black opal and diamond ring with a 4.07 carat black opal accented by 1.78 carats of diamonds set in 18 karat white gold.

Libby Villari who starred in the movie "Boyhood" wore a rare matched pair of black opal and diamond earrings. The pair contains 5.05 carats of black opal and 1.58 carats of diamonds set in 18 karat white gold.

Michael O'Connor - celebrity stylist and television personality – presented several pieces of the Lightning Ridge Collection by John Ford to celebrities. O'Connor stated, "Ford's pieces took the Oscars by storm". Social media was flooded with photos of stars wearing Ford's designs, including Maitlan Ward, Nicole Allowitz, Adina Porter, Jennifer Aspen, Marison Nichols, Kate Flannery, Sue Facter, and Breeda Wool.

"When styling celebrities for important awards they always want to see the most unique designs that showcase magnificently unusual jewels. I was thrilled to find the Lightning Ridge Collection by John Ford for presentation to them for the most important awards show in the world, The Oscars. John Ford's pieces are truly works of art that will create focus and glamour for the celebrities walking the red carpet," said O'Connor.

John's recent ascent to being one of the top jewelry designers in the country has received much attention as a "David and Goliath" story. Ford is a one man show on a playing field of giants. In 2012, *Fashion Q+A UK* voted John's design as their Editor's Choice. In 2013, Cheryl Kremkow of *Jewelry Trends From The Red Carpet To The Jewelry Box* voted for a design of John's as her Editor's Choice award. John was honored in 2014 by the American Gem Trade Association and the Platinum Guild International for his Spectrum award winning ring, "The Maxine"

"It's my quest to create unique pieces that truly showcase the beauty of Lightning Ridge Black Opal. I derive the same joy designing an opulent piece for celebrities as creating simple, elegant pieces for fine jewelry stores around the United States," says Ford.

About John Ford's Lightning Ridge Collection

John Ford sources Black Opal exclusively from Lightning Ridge Australia for his Black Opal and diamond jewelry designs.

The designs can be seen at www.LightningRidgeCollection.com.

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Photograph

Shaun Robinson, host of Access Hollywood with Oscar winner, Alejandro Gonzalez.

Robinson is holding Gonzalez's Oscars. Ford's ring is on full display on her left hand.

