

The Lightning Ridge Collection

by John Ford

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John Ford to Deliver Australian Opal Keynote Address

John Ford has been invited to be the keynote speaker at the International Opal Jewelry Design Awards.

GALVESTON, TEXAS (April 14, 2015) - The international spotlight soon will be on jewelry designer John Ford, who will be the keynote speaker for the International Opal Jewelry Design Awards presentation dinner, July 31, 2015, in Lightning Ridge, New South Wales, Australia.

"John Ford's Lightning Ridge Collection is a reflection of a growing passion for opal being shared internationally to produce exquisite and unique jewelry," says Lyn Carney, president of the International Opal Jewelry Design Awards Association (IOJDA). "His acceptance to our invitation adds a prestigious international seal to our spectacular event. Mr. Ford will be proudly welcomed as our guest speaker, and as a worthy ambassador of Australia's national gemstone."

"In my quest or obsession to create unique pieces that truly showcase the beauty of Lightning Ridge black opal, I have made many friends in Australia. I am honored to be speaking at the association's bi-annual gala. Being the first American invited to give the keynote address is a thrill," says Ford.

John Ford's Lightning Ridge Collection has received critical acclaim from both jewelry editors, stylists, and the American Gem Trade Association, and Platinum Guild International by capturing the 2014 Spectrum award. Several of Ford's designs were worn on the red carpet recently at the 2015 Academy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles.

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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