

AGTA SPECTRUM AWARDS

ENTRY FORM

- Payment must accompany entry & entry form.
- Please use one entry form for each entry.
- Print clearly and retain copies for your records.
- All entries must be submitted by U.S. or Canadian* residents.
- **Entries must be received by June 30, 2017.**

Entrant _____
(One person's name only – this individual will receive all credit)
 Company _____
 Mailing address for correspondence (including returning shipment)
 Name _____
 Street Address/PO Box _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip Code/Postal Code _____
 Country _____
 Telephone _____ Fax _____
 Email _____

New York Drop-Off Participant – Yes No

July 11, 2017 - Entry form must be sent to AGTA by June 30, 2017.

AGTA SPECTRUM AWARDS™ – Check the primary category in which you are entering jewelry. Unchecked entries will be entered into Business/Day Wear.

- Bridal Wear, sponsored by *The Knot* Evening Wear
 Business/Day Wear Men's Wear
 Classical

PLATINUM HONORS™ – This piece meets the criteria for Platinum Honors™ sponsored by PGI. *(Retail price. Bridal price is for semi-mount only)*

- Platinum Honors™
 Bridal Wear Under \$2,500
 Business/Day Wear Under \$2,000
 Classical Under \$3,500

GEM DIVA™ – Female designers in Bridal, Business, Classical & Evening categories will be eligible.

Gem Diva™, sponsored by the WJA

CUTTING EDGE AWARDS™ – If your entry is an unset gemstone or object of art (not designed to be worn), check the primary category entered:

- Classic Gemstones (ruby, sapphire, emerald)
 Other Faceted Gemstones Pairs & Suites
 Innovative Faceting Carving
 Phenomenal Gemstones Objects of Art

**If you state that your entry is untreated or from a specific origin, and want that information included in the entry description, you must include a scanned copy of a report from an accepted industry laboratory.*

Description of entry _____

 Gemstone(s) variety & cut, etc. _____

Gemstone size, weight, etc. _____

Gemstone enhancements _____
 Metal type and purity _____

Were gemstones or pearls used in this piece purchased from an AGTA Supplier? *(For informational purposes only)*

Yes No

Visit agta.org to check if your materials are from an AGTA Member.

REPLACEMENT COST/ ENTRY FEE

Replacement cost of entry for insurance & shipping (\$) _____
Replacement cost = labor + cost of materials in like quality or kind.

Entry Fee _____
(1st Entry – \$295.00, all subsequent entries – \$225.00 each)

INSURANCE – All entries will be insured while in the possession of the AGTA up to \$25,000 wholesale value. Additional fees for insurance on high value items are as follows:

- \$25 for \$25,000 - \$49,999
 \$50 for \$50,000 - \$99,999
 \$100 for \$100,000 - \$199,999
 \$200 for \$200,000 - \$249,999

Entries with a replacement cost over \$250,000 will be responsible for providing their own insurance coverage. Proof of insurance will be required. AGTA is not responsible for any loss in excess of \$250,000 replacement cost.

PAYMENT METHOD:

Check number _____
 Credit card number _____
 Expiration date _____
 CRV # _____ Billing Zip Code _____
 Name of cardholder _____
 Signature of cardholder _____
 Amount _____

SHIPPING – AGTA will pay for return shipping via registered/insured U.S. mail for all entries with a replacement cost under \$100,000. Entrants entering pieces with a replacement cost over \$100,000 will be responsible for return shipping fees. Entries will be returned after the conclusion of the competition – August 16 and September 29, 2017.

Check this box to indicate you have read and agree to the Rules & Regulations described on the reverse side of this entry form.

Signature of entrant _____

2017 COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

By signing the entry form, entrants agree to abide by the rules of the AGTA Spectrum Awards™ competition and the final decision of the judges. In submitting an entry for consideration, entrants agree to hold the American Gem Trade Association (AGTA), its officers and directors, its staff and employees, its advertising and publicity agencies, and its members harmless from all claims, litigation and other legal proceedings. The entrants understand that AGTA will be responsible only for the replacement value of the material and labor, payable in the event of a loss or theft of any entry while in the possession of AGTA. While in possession, the entrant understands that AGTA insures the entry against loss, damage or theft, whether occasioned by negligence or not. Entrants also understand that AGTA will take every reasonable precaution to ensure the safety and security of jewelry and gemstones submitted for judging.

The deadline for entry is June 30, 2017. Entries that arrive after the entry deadline will not be accepted unless prior arrangements have been made. International entries (those outside the U.S. and Canada) will not be accepted.

Entries that do not meet these rules of entry will be disqualified. Disqualified entries will be returned to the entrant without being judged.

If an entry is found to have damage upon receipt the entry will be shipped back to entrant for repair and resubmission. AGTA is not responsible for entries that are damaged during the shipping process. If this occurs, please contact your shipper for their damage policy.

The AGTA Cutting Edge Awards™ portion of the competition exists to honor creativity and excellence among lapidary artists, hence this portion is open only to gemstone materials of natural origin.

In the AGTA Spectrum Awards™ portion of the competition, gemstone jewelry entered in the competition must utilize natural colored gemstones or cultured pearls. Entries may use enhanced colored gemstones or cultured pearls and diamonds of any color (enhanced or natural). Entrants acknowledge, however, that the competition exists for the purpose of promoting natural colored gemstones and cultured pearls, and that the judges will consider the requisite use of these gemstones in comparison to diamonds in the selection of winners. Jewelry suites will be accepted individually requiring a separate entry fee per piece.

Assembled stones and stones of man-made origin are not eligible for the competition.

All jewelry designs must be original and must have been executed since the last AGTA Spectrum Awards™ competition in July 2016.

Entrants agree to clearly indicate, to the best of their knowledge, gemstone enhancement information for all gemstones or gemstone jewelry entered in the competition. Gemstones so commonly enhanced that they are considered ubiquitous in the trade (such as the heating of ruby or sapphire) will be assumed to be treated, unless otherwise noted by the entrant. If the entry form indicates an untreated gemstone where this is rare or unusual, the entry must be accompanied by a laboratory report verifying this. Entrants unfamiliar with common gemstone enhancements should request a complimentary copy of the "Gemstone Information Manual" from the AGTA.

For the purposes of publicity, one person or company (the entrant) will be granted credit, regardless of the number of people involved in a collaborative entry. Additional credits will NOT be provided to the media. Please complete the entry form carefully; no changes to the information on this form will be accepted or allowed after the conclusion of judging.

By entering this competition, entrants acknowledge and agree that, although the competition is intended to honor creativity and excellence among lapidary artists, designers and manufacturers, neither the judging of the entries nor the designation of winners constitutes or shall be deemed or construed to be a determination by AGTA, the AGTA Spectrum Awards™ competition or the judges thereof that the design, cut, composition or appearance of any entry was originally developed or created by the entrant thereof.

Because winning entries historically have received substantial publicity, entrants must agree to consign winning entries to AGTA for the purpose of photography, display and promotion.

Winning entries will be on display at the 2018 AGTA GemFair™ Tucson.

AGTA reserves the right to photograph all gemstones and jewelry submitted for judging in the competition for promotional use without payment or royalty to the entrant for such use.

Entrants grant AGTA competition judges the right to make corrections or adjustments to an entry form, if the judges believe the entry would be better suited for judging in another category. Judges also reserve the right to refrain from awarding a winner in categories where the number or nature of entries does not warrant recognition, in their opinion. At the discretion of the judges, up to three winners in each category or division will be awarded trophies. Additionally, one "Best Use of Pearls", "Best of Show" and one "Best Use of Color" trophy will be awarded. Manufacturing Honors (if any) trophies can be awarded in every category. Editor's Choice trophy will

be awarded. Honorable mentions (if any) will receive a certificate.

For the Platinum Honors™ sponsored by PGI, each Spectrum category will be awarded one Platinum Honors™ award, along with one "Best Use of Color and Platinum." Additionally, three awards will be presented for Bridal Wear Under \$2,500 retail (not including the center gemstone), Business/Day Wear Under \$2,000 retail and Classical Under \$3,500 retail. In order for a piece to be eligible in this division, the platinum must meet ISO standards (900 or 950) and must comprise at least 90 percent of the metal used. All entries meeting these qualifications will be judged separately in the Platinum Honors™ division.

- Judging will take place in August 2017.
- Winners will be notified by telephone after the conclusion of the competition.
- Non-winning entries will be returned in random order to entrants between August 16 and September 29, 2017.
- Please note that AGTA cannot guarantee the return of your original packing materials, custom boxes or bags.

Shipping

AGTA will pay for return shipping via registered/insured U.S. mail for all entries with a wholesale value under \$100,000.

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Insurance

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Entry and insurance fees must accompany the item(s) entered in the competition and be drawn on a U.S. bank. Fees are in U.S. dollars and may be paid by check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. AGTA strongly recommends that the entrant should retain a copy of entry forms and rules.

IMPORTANT SHIPMENT INFORMATION

Please ship all packages to:
AGTA
Attn: Marketing
3030 LBJ Freeway, Suite 840
Dallas, TX 75234

Entries will be returned by registered/insured U.S. mail, unless otherwise noted above.

All Canadian shipments must be accompanied by a NAFTA form (B232) or it will be refused.