

ACCESSORIES COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 2024 DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARDS WINNERS

Top Honors to Citizen, Jared x Charm'd by LuLu Frost, Stuart Weitzman, Bogg Bag, Blackburn and more

Awards ceremony took place Monday at The Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York City

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November 4, 2024 (New York, NY) – Today, the Accessories Council announced its **6**th **Annual Design Excellence Awards** winners, following a formal breakfast and awards program at Manhattan's newest luxe destination, The Fifth Avenue Hotel. With more category offerings than ever before, which welcomed more independent designers to participate, the 2024 winners join an esteemed list of individuals and companies honored for new and innovative products. The Accessories Council launched the Design Excellence Awards in 2019 to expand the recognition of outstanding work in the growing accessories category.

Citizen received the annual program's most prominent recognition, the **2024 Hall of Fame** honor, which awards one single iconic product or brand that has stood the test of time as determined by the Accessories Council Board. Special awards were also presented to **Bogg Bag**, which received the **Circana Top Item Award**, and **Blackburn**, which received the **FashionGo Buyer's Choice Award**.

The Accessories Council's <u>2024 Design Excellence Awards</u> winners are:

Brand Collaboration WINNER: Jared X Lulu Frost - Jared X Charm'd by Lulu Frost Finalists: Carlos Falchi X Jumper Maybach Echo Lele Sadoughi X The Met Tyler Ellis X Slim Aarons' Estate

<u>*Eyewear Optical Independent</u> WINNER: Alain Mikli *Finalists:*

Anwuli Eyewear Big Horn Paprdoll Eyewear Pierre Eyewear

Eyewear Optical Multi-Brand WINNER: Stuart Weitzman

<u>Finalists:</u> Dolce & Gabbana Pure Swarovski Tory Burch

*Eyewear Sun Independent

WINNER: Press - Vogue

<u>Finalists:</u> BR.AND Grace De Monaco PARADIS WINSLET NEW YORK Selima Optique

Eyewear Sun Multi-Brand

WINNER: Longchamp

<u>Finalists:</u> Brunello Cucinelli Ferrari Kate Spade Prada

*Fashion Jewelry Over \$100

WINNER: Jane Win Jewelry - Hope JW Original Pendant Coin *Finalists:* Bittersweet Designs Covet Jennifer Fisher Mignonne Gavigan

*Fashion Jewelry Under \$100

WINNER: Marlyn Schiff - The Alexandra Cuff <u>Finalists:</u> 8 Other Reasons Baublebar Brosway Italia Gold & Honey Kurt Geiger London

Fine Jewelry Over \$1,000

WINNER: Hearts On Fire - Barre Floating Diamond Choker *Finalists:* Heather B. Moore Nanis Italian Jewels Platinum Born Shahla Karimi

Fine Jewelry Under \$1,000 WINNER: Lagos - Lagos Caviar Skull Bracelet

<u>Finalists:</u> Angara Inc. KBH Jewels Rachel Katz Veniroe Beverly Hills

Footwear Over \$250 *TIE*

WINNER: Chris Donovan - Corona WINNER: Daniela Uribe - Be Yourself Pump <u>Finalists:</u> 4CCCCEES ARCH NYC Tina Maria Shoes

Footwear Under \$250

WINNER: Vince - Oasis W <u>Finalists:</u> Cole Haan Dr. Scholl's Merrell SBICCA Shed Rain

General Accessories

WINNER: Binata Millinery - Kahon Pillbox

<u>Finalists:</u> Frances Valentine Mila + Mate Nandanie Wyeth

Handbags Over \$1,000 *TIE*

WINNER: Hammitt - The Paul and Pocket Set WINNER: Tyler Ellis - Winnie Handbag Mini in Pebbled Leather & Natural Wicker *Finalists:* Leigh Ann Barnes Lucchese Piper & Skye

<u>Handbags Under \$1,000</u>

WINNER: Edie Parker - Burn Bag <u>Finalists:</u> Baggallini Betsey Johnson Lodis Rosa K Vera Bradley

Social Impact (Charity, Diversity, Inclusion) WINNER: Two Blind Brothers - The Gwen

<u>Finalists:</u> Freida Rothman Jumper Maybach X Big Lovie State Bags Two Blind Brothers

Sustainability

WINNER: Margaret's The Couture Cleaners - Celine Handbag Restoration

<u>Finalists:</u> Agmes Costa Deepa Gurnani WoolTribe

Tech & Innovation

WINNER: Ray-Ban - Ray-Ban Meta Smart Glasses, Skyler <u>Finalists:</u> Carrera Julieta Barcelona ONI Zeiss

The Accessories Council's Design Excellence Award winners are representative of consumer tastes and trends that inform purchase power. Winning products were voted on by the public from finalist pools selected by the Accessories Council Board of Directors. Finalists were chosen based on the criteria of excellence in design, unique appearance and/or function, consumer needs addressed by product, appropriate aesthetics, innovative materials or technology, market positioning and competitive performance, social images, emotional appeal, and sustainability. It is this criterion in which consumers evaluate purchase and in which Design Excellence Award winners excel.

Design Excellence Award-winning products are available for purchase in the U.S. via retail stores, e-commerce, TV retail, or direct marketing between September 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024. The Accessories Council provides category finalists and winners with promotional tools for use at the wholesale and retail levels to market their products to consumers.

Sponsors of the 2024 Design Excellence Awards include Circana, Caleres, Marchon Eyewear, Fashionphile and FashionGo. Each of the winners received a trophy designed by Marchon Eyewear.

For more information, please visit <u>2024 Design Excellence Awards</u>.

Look for the Accessories Council on X_@AccessoryNews and join on LinkedIn.

ABOUT THE ACCESSORIES COUNCIL

The Accessories Council is a not-for-profit, international trade organization established in 1994. Our mission is to stimulate global consumer awareness and demand for fashion accessory products. We serve the industry globally which generates over \$50.8 billion dollars annually in the United States alone. Over the past 30 years, membership has grown internationally to include over 330 companies and organizations, representing the world's leading brand names, designers, publications, retailers and associated providers for the accessories, eyewear, and footwear industries. The Accessories Council publishes Accessories Magazine, a quarterly digital shoppable publication and hosts educational seminars, networking events, design & marketing awards, social media events, and the esteemed black tie ACE Award Gala, an annual tribute to the leaders of the accessory industry.

Most recently, <u>AC Magazine</u>, published by the Accessories Council quarterly, was honored with a GLAAD Media Award Nomination in the category of "Outstanding Print Article" for their feature "Stop Bad Hair and Uglier Legislation (The New Classics)" in the <u>Summer 2023 Issue</u>.

The Fall 2024 issue of AC Magazine starring Christie Brinkley is available now.

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As the very first ultra-luxury re-commerce brand of its kind, FASHIONPHILE is the brainchild of Founder and President, Sarah Davis. Like most of the brands we love best, FASHIONPHILE began in 1999, with little more than a good idea. In 2006, Sarah introduced business partner & CEO Ben Hemminger, who evolved the brand by expanding the collection and presenting it to a larger market. Over 25 years later, FASHIONPHILE is now one of the world's top resellers of pre-owned luxury and the exclusive re-commerce partner of Neiman Marcus.

ABOUT FASHIONGO

Welcome to FASHIONGO, the leading online wholesale marketplace, connecting retailers and boutiques with a vast network of trusted top vendors. With a wide range of product categories, including apparel, accessories, home décor, and more, we empower retailers to find the perfect products to meet their customers' needs. Buyers can gain access to exclusive benefits, competitive pricing, volume discounts, and streamlined shipping options.

In addition to our robust platform, we provide dedicated support and assistance to our wholesale brands so they can connect with retailers and tap into new opportunities. Join the growing community of thousands of wholesalers and 1M+ buyers on FASHIONGO and experience the power of seamless wholesale trade. Our goal here is to empower your business with the tools and resources needed to stay ahead.

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