

The Lightning Ridge Collection

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The Lightning Ridge Collection by John Ford Dazzles at The Oscars

Galveston, Texas (February 29, 2016) - Black Opal Jewelry from the Lightning Ridge Collection by John Ford was once again a red carpet favorite at this year's Academy Awards.

Australian, David White, accepted an Oscar for his role in the making of "Mad Max: Fury Road", wearing a pair of black opal cufflinks from John Ford's Lightning Ridge Collection. "I am very proud that David White chose to wear my design featuring black opals from Lightning Ridge, Australia." says Ford. "Who better to wear the national gemstone of Australia to the Oscar's than an Aussie?"

At an impromptu post-Oscar's photoshoot, David White, posed with his treasured prize and Ford's cufflinks, while straddling a surfboard. "Aussie's know how to celebrate!" says Ford. "It's one of my favorite things about traveling down under to source black opal."

The cufflinks feature 9.18 carats of pear shaped black opal split by 0.31 carats of diamond lightning bolts set in platinum. "Obviously, the lightning bolts were inspired by my adopted home, Lightning Ridge, Australia", explained Ford.

While showing off red carpet jewelry on *Hollywood Today*, famed stylist, Mr. O'Connor commented on Ford's designs, "Celebrities and stylists alike were astounded by the beauty of John Ford's pieces. The designs are not only amazing and unique, but each opal used is like a fingerprint - unique and full of a personality all its own."

Stars such as, Katrina Bowden ("Public Morals"), Sola Bamis ("Mad Men"), Marisol Nichols ("Teen Wolf"), and Carlease Burke ("Crowded"), were photographed wearing Ford's original black opal and diamond designs at a pre-Oscars styling event.

Kate Flannery (“The Office”) lit up the red carpet at the “Women in Film Pre-Oscar Cocktail Party” wearing a 5.93 carat, electric blue black opal ring accented with 1.50 carats of diamonds, that was complimented by a pair of triangular shaped red black opal and diamond earrings.

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.

