

## #OscarsBestofColor

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With diversity, or the lack there of, a major theme at the 88<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards® this year those who stood out not only made important political statements, but also key style statements in breaking with #DiamondsSoWhite jewelry choices.

#OscarsBestofColor included lots of emerald jewelry, sapphires and pearls, too, as well as some sweet other color gemstone designs that are more than the usual red carpet fare.



Among the best use of color at the Oscars® were several emerald jewels, with this gem a favorite for so many A-list celebrities working their A-game in style. Those receiving the most attention included Saoirse Ronan (*above left*), Best Actress nominee for “*Brooklyn*” fresh and young with mismatched emerald, jadeite and pearl earrings by Chopard atop her emerald green Calvin Klein gown; presenter Jennifer Garner in emerald and diamond swirl earrings by Neil Lane adorning her black Oscar de la Renta; and presenter Patricia Arquette (*above center*) in emerald hexagonal pendant earrings inset with sapphires circa 1930's Fred Leighton, and a 4.0 ct. emerald ring styling her midnight Marina Rinaldi gown.

Effervescent in emeralds was also actress/writer Lara Spencer (*above right*) styling her royal blue Roland Mouret dress with emerald and diamond chandelier earrings, cabochon ring and bracelet a la Fred Leighton; and presenter Julianne Moore flashing a 15.0 t. cushion-cut emerald and diamond ring by Chopard, a great pop of color against her black lace Chanel.

## Other Favorites



Undoubtedly a best-of-color contender, presenter Tina Fey (*above left*) looked flawless in sapphire and diamond collar from Bulgari's "Sense of Volume" collection, paired perfectly with her purple strapless Versace gown. Topping her blue Marchesa with deep sweetheart neckline, Sophia Vergara (*above center*) dangled shoulder-dusting diamond vine earrings with sapphire drops by her favorite designer, Lorraine Schwartz. And, "*Inside Out*" actress Mindy Kaling (*above right*), in black and blue Elizabeth Kennedy gown, waved a vivid blue sapphire and diamond ring by Effy Jewelry.



Pearls continue to string along a youthful fan base with Brie Larson (*above left*), Oscar® Best Actress for "*Room*" adorning her easy, breezy royal blue Gucci gown with simple pearl drop earrings by Niwaka that complemented her jeweled belt with pearl accents; and presenter Olivia Wilde (*above center*) styled her white pleated Valentino Haute Couture with Edwardian pearl and diamond choker and half-moon climber earrings from Neil Lane. While Jennifer Jason Leigh, Best Actress nominee for "*The Hateful Eight*," radiated in Rose earrings by Paiget set with 22 freshwater pearls, 374 pink sapphires, and 200

diamonds—a most delicate look for Leigh in a blush Marchesa juxtapose to her disheveled toothless persona in the movie.

While names like Chopard, Neil Lane and Lorraine Schwartz are jewelry regulars on the red carpet, it was refreshing to hear presenter Whoopie Goldberg (*above right*) touting her own Sevan Bicakci designs, including an octopus hand jewel with tentacles wrapped around her wrist and fingers, spotlighting a large and luscious baroque pearl. Now that's #OscarJewelrySoCool!



Another welcomed shout-out came from Emmy®-winning entertainment reporter Suzanne Marques (*above*) in Shamila Fine Jewelry by Shamila Jiwa, dangling 125 carats of rose-cut rutilated quartz drop earrings, sprinkled with diamonds, and multiple rings including two set with rutilated topaz and one in green tourmaline.



Celebrities with an affinity for gems and pearls use them in both monochromatic and contrasting ways, playing with pops of color to draw attention and make style statements. While diamond may be a girl's best friend, color is that companion that truly lets you express yourself. #ExpressYourselfInColor

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**Photo One:** Oscar®-nominee Saoirse Ronan arrives at The 88th Oscars® at the Dolby® Theatre in Hollywood, CA on Sunday, February 28, 2016. credit: Aaron Poole / ©A.M.P.A.S.

**Photo Two:** Patricia Arquette presents The Oscar® for Performance by an actor in a supporting role during the live ABC Telecast of The 88th Oscars® at the Dolby® Theatre in Hollywood, CA on Sunday, February 28, 2016. credit: Mark Suban / ©A.M.P.A.S.

**Photo Three:** Lara Spencer arrives at The 88th Oscars® at the Dolby® Theatre in Hollywood, CA on Sunday, February 28, 2016. credit: Aaron Poole / ©A.M.P.A.S.

**Photo Four:** Tina Fey, arrives at The 88th Oscars® at the Dolby® Theatre in Hollywood, CA on Sunday, February 28, 2016. credit: Aaron Poole / ©A.M.P.A.S.

**Photo Five:** Sophia Vergara arrives at The 88th Oscars® at the Dolby® Theatre in Hollywood, CA on Sunday, February 28, 2016. credit: Matt Petit / ©A.M.P.A.S.

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**Photo Nine:** Presenter Whoopi Goldberg arrives at The 88th Oscars® at the Dolby® Theatre in Hollywood, CA on Sunday, February 28, 2016. credit: Aaron Poole / ©A.M.P.A.S.

**Photo Ten:** Emmy®-winning entertainment reporter Suzanne Marques in Shamila Fine Jewelry by Shamila Jiwa

**Photo Eleven:** 125 carats of rose-cut rutilated quartz drop earrings with diamonds from Shamila Fine Jewelry by Shamila Jiwa

**Photo Twelve:** Tourmaline ring from Shamila Fine Jewelry by Shamila Jiwa