



Alongside the major watch manufacturers, more and more watch-lovers and collectors are looking to purchase timepieces produced in extremely limited series or one-off pieces considered artistic masterpieces. Proof of this is to be found in a gallery dedicated to the art of concept watchmaking that has opened in Paris. We explore these delightful premises that come right on time!

By Nicolas Berger

The same rules apply to watches as to any other object: at one end of the market you have the run-of-the-mill, in the middle the beautiful and then ... then you have the exceptional! And it is in the latter category that Ekaterina Sotnikova, a woman passionate about fine watches, has positioned herself by creating the first watchmaking gallery in France. The concept behind the EKSO Watches Gallery is that this is no boutique with a window display to be viewed by all from the street but a discreet showroom located in the heart of one of the most beautiful districts in Paris. In a calm and luxurious setting opened only to those who have gone to the trouble of

making an appointment, you can admire the creations of some of the best independent watchmakers in the world, true virtuosos of time such as Vianney Halter, Kari Voutilainen, Andreas Strehler, Ludovic Ballouard and Tim and Bart Grönfeld. These names ring a particular bell in the minds of fine horology lovers. Each of their pieces is indeed a true masterpiece from a technical and aesthetic point of view and connoisseurs and collectors are prepared to travel the entire planet for them. Exclusive complications, the incredible quality of manufacture, unequalled finishes and stunning design and materials: you surely have to love art and the

art of watchmaking in particular to come and discover the treasures in the EKSO gallery and be able to appreciate timekeepers created in just a few copies or unique pieces designed at the request of Ekaterina who thus plays the role of muse as much as that of gallery owner. Because wearing one of these timekeeping marvels on your wrist gives one a feeling that compares to nothing else – a feeling all wrapped up in the magic of art!

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