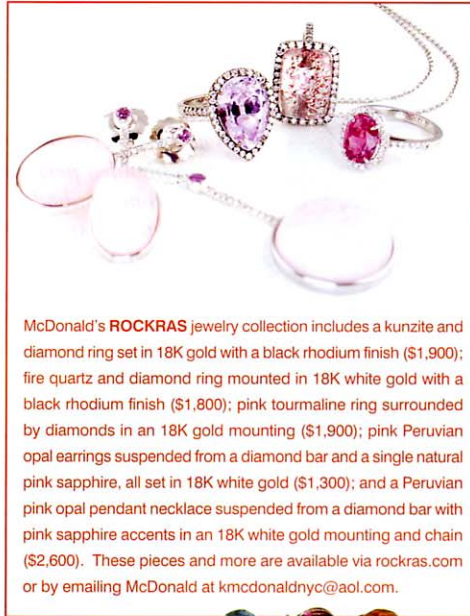


# Rock Stars

Rare gemstones with mass appeal

"Colored stones are really hot right now," says **Kimberly McDonald**, jewelry curator. "It started a few years ago with the colored diamond trend, and a great way to get the same look is with semi-precious stones that won't cost as much. If you get the right quality and cut, I think they can be very close to and appealing as a diamond." Hailing from Atlanta, the New York City-based McDonald knows a thing or two about finding the perfect gem. She works with clients to create comprehensive jewelry collections, oftentimes finding it's a rare stone that really tickles their fancy.

It was this "constant treasure hunt" for original pieces that stirred McDonald's creativity, and, within the past few years, the curator launched her very own gemstone collection, **ROCKRAS**.



McDonald's **ROCKRAS** jewelry collection includes a kunzite and diamond ring set in 18K gold with a black rhodium finish (\$1,900); fire quartz and diamond ring mounted in 18K white gold with a black rhodium finish (\$1,800); pink tourmaline ring surrounded by diamonds in an 18K gold mounting (\$1,900); pink Peruvian opal earrings suspended from a diamond bar and a single natural pink sapphire, all set in 18K white gold (\$1,300); and a Peruvian pink opal pendant necklace suspended from a diamond bar with pink sapphire accents in an 18K white gold mounting and chain (\$2,600). These pieces and more are available via rockras.com or by emailing McDonald at [kmcdonaldnyc@aol.com](mailto:kmcdonaldnyc@aol.com).



"Ambrosia" bracelet with 18K gold, diamonds, beryl, citrine, topaz, tiger's eye and quartz by **Judith Ripka**: \$28,000, Judith Ripka at Tassels.

18K yellow gold cuff with faceted peridots, blue topaz and green tourmaline by **Daria de Koning**: \$8,200, [dariadekoning.com](http://dariadekoning.com).



Amethyst ring in white gold and 9 carats of diamonds by **Avianne & Co.**: \$3,150, [avianneandco.com](http://avianneandco.com).

"Bellissima" necklace from **Jewelry by Rosalina**: \$162,700, Neiman Marcus and [jewelrybyrosalina.com](http://jewelrybyrosalina.com).



"Foxy Lady" gold necklace with watermelon tourmaline and black onyx by **Mickey Lynn** Designs: \$560, [Mitzi & Romano](http://Mitzi & Romano).

22K gold necklace with citrine, prehnite, carnelian, peridot, green tourmaline and chrome diopside chain by **Laura Gibson**: \$5,280, [Bailey Banks & Biddle](http://Bailey Banks & Biddle).

18K yellow gold and emerald leaf earrings by **Jennifer Meyer**: \$4,300, [kaviarkind.com](http://kaviarkind.com).



14K gold-fill bangles with moonstone, iolite, peridot, chalcedony, amethyst, citrine, carnelian and coral by **Elyssa Bass**: \$398, Saks Fifth Avenue and [elyssabassdesigns.com](http://elyssabassdesigns.com).



"Golden" oval mosaic ring in 18K gold in prenite, citrine, olive quartz, peridot, yellow sapphire and diamonds (\$1,900), and "Reds" oval mosaic ring in 18K gold, rhodilite garnet, pink tourmaline, ruby and diamonds (\$2,950) by **David Yurman**: [David Yurman](http://David Yurman) and [davidyurman.com](http://davidyurman.com).

14K gold multi-bead, multi-chain bracelet by **Mark Edge**: \$195, [Beth Ann Boutique](http://Beth Ann Boutique).

Platinum and gold cocktail rings with diamonds and pink, yellow and blue sapphires by **OGI**: \$1,180-\$9,000, [Universal Diamond Corporation](http://Universal Diamond Corporation) and [ogi-ltd.com](http://ogi-ltd.com).



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