

Immediate Release

life of circle's 'Yum Cha' Collection Tableware Series

life of circle, a conceptual jewellery and accessories brand offering designs influenced by Eastern philosophy and Chinese cultures, is introducing for the first time a Hong Kong eating culture, 'Yum Cha'.

'Yum Cha' culture

The word 'Yum Cha', literally means "drinking tea" in Chinese, which refers to having dim sum in a tea house. life of circle's 'Yum Cha' collection interprets the typical elements in Hong Kong's Yum Cha culture. Its *Tableware Series* takes teapots, spoons and chopsticks as themes for jewellery design, transforming them into pieces of stylish jewellery. The collection is not only an attempt to combine different forms of Chinese tableware into jewellery design, but also a tribute to Hong Kong food culture, valuing the importance of Yum Cha in helping to shape Hong Kong's cultural identity.

Hong Kong people inherited the habit of going to tea restaurants from Guangzhou, where many people liked to enjoy a few pieces of "dim sum" before starting work in the morning. The earliest record of a tea house in Hong Kong dates back to 1876(Qing Dynasty) and states that the writer himself rested in a teahouse in Lan Kwai Fong, Central. Nowadays, the practice of Yum Cha has been spread across the world and is adored by people of different nations - It is also commonly used as a symbol of representing Hong Kong.

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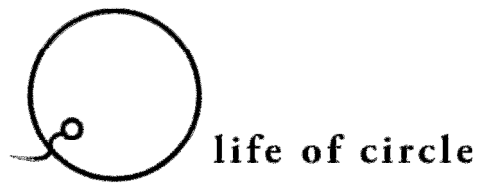


Teapot, believed to be a heritage of Chinese culture, has been a feature of Chinese cultural life for thousands of years. Dickson Yewn, the creative director of life of circle, simplifies the common teapot found in most local dim sum restaurants to a ball shape pearl-like pendant, to make it functional as a wearable ornament and also to represent Hong Kong as the "Pearl of the Orient". Tea pot earrings, bracelet and pendant are offered in either 925 silver or 18K rose gold.

Teapot necklace in 925

Chopstick necklace in 925





Chopsticks, also originated in ancient China, are designed as a pendant decorated with a piece of dangling seed pearl at the end of one of the chopsticks, mimicking a piece of rice being picked up.



The Spoon Pendant is shaped with streamlines, smoothing the flat dimension and angles of a traditional Chinese porcelain spoon. The Spoon Pendant in 18K rose gold is adorned with diamonds inside the spoon, resembling some gastronomic treasures being spooned up.

Spoon diamond earrings in 18k rose gold

All the above and more gift ideas are available at our concept stores in The Gateway (Tsim Sha Tsui), IFC Mall (Central) as well as our Lee Gardens Two store (Causeway Bay).

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