



MASTERS *of* CEREMONY

With its latest herbal tea-inspired collection, HEMMERLE brews something truly irresistible.

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It's not just the ingredients that go into making the perfect cuppa but how we enjoy drinking it, too. The soothing ritual of brewing a fresh pot inspired Yasmin and Christian Hemmerle of the eponymous Munich jeweller to create Infused Jewels, a collection that has turned out to be the perfect blend of multiple components. Collaborations in the past include a poetry anthology compiled by Greta Bellamacina and a cookbook written by Tamasin Day-Lewis, but this is their most ambitious project to date. Local herbalist Kräutergarten München created a bespoke herbal tea blend on which the collection's 13 characteristically bold, experimental and colourful jewels are based. A pair of abstract lavender earrings contain a concealed latch so the wearer can insert their own dried flowers for an extra sensory experience. A brooch centres on a warm brown diamond casually nestled between two sticks of preserved cinnamon.

The eventual owners of each one-of-a-kind piece will receive a custom tea caddy created by historic porcelain manufacturers Nymphenburg, who also made the crisp white flowers for the orange-blossom earrings, the first time Hemmerle has allowed for an element of jewellery to be created outside the walls of its Munich atelier. They will also be able to enjoy their tea while reading an accompanying modern fairy tale written by Bellamacina, illustrated by Shrewsbury's Rosanna Tasker, and approved by the Hemmerles's nine-year-old son, Florian. In the end, the entire project is one that celebrates slowing down and enjoying the here and now. "Especially after the awful times the world has been through in recent years, we want to be able to share, and to be with people, and to just relish and savour the moment that we are in right now," says Yasmin, herself a dedicated tea fan. And who could say no to that?