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## COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

By signing the entry form, entrants agree to abide by the rules of the AGTA Spectrum & Cutting Edge Awards competition and the final decision of the judges.

In submitting an entry for consideration, entrants agree to hold the American Gem Trade Association (AGTA), its officers and directors, its staff and employees, its advertising and publicity agencies, and its members harmless from all claims, litigation and other legal proceedings. The entrants understand that AGTA will be responsible only for the replacement value (replacement cost = labor + cost of materials in like quality or kind), payable in the event of a loss, theft, or damage of any entry while in the possession of AGTA. While in AGTA's possession, the entrant understands that AGTA insures the entry against loss, damage or theft. Entrants also understand that AGTA will take reasonable precaution to ensure the safety and security of jewelry and gemstones submitted for judging.

### **Deadlines & Payments**

All Entries & Payments must be received by the published deadlines.

Entries and payments that arrive after the entry deadline will not be accepted.

International entries (those outside the U.S. and Canada) will not be accepted.

Entries that do not meet these rules of entry will be disqualified. Disqualified entries will be returned to the entrant without being judged.

### **Damage Policy**

All Entries will be inspected upon receipt. If an entry is found to be damaged, the entrant will be notified, and AGTA will determine if the entry can proceed in the competition or if the entry will be shipped back to entrant for repair and resubmission. AGTA is not responsible for entries that are damaged during shipping.

### **Eligibility**

The AGTA Cutting Edge Awards exist to honor creativity and excellence among lapidary artists, hence this portion is open only to gemstone materials of natural origin.

Entries in the AGTA Spectrum Awards must be gemstone jewelry utilizing natural colored gemstones, natural Pearls, or cultured Pearls. Entries may use enhanced colored gemstones, natural Pearls, or cultured Pearls and Diamonds of any color (enhanced or natural). Entrants acknowledge, however, that the competition exists for the purpose of promoting natural colored gemstones, natural Pearls, or cultured Pearls, and that the judges will consider the requisite use of these gemstones in comparison to Diamonds in the selection of winners. Jewelry suites will be accepted individually and will require a separate entry fee per piece.

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Assembled stones and stones of man-made origin are not eligible for the competition.

All jewelry designs must be original.

Entrants agree to clearly indicate, to the best of their knowledge, gemstone enhancement information for all gemstones or gemstone jewelry entered in the competition. Gemstones so commonly enhanced that they are considered ubiquitous in the trade (such as the heating of Ruby or Sapphire) will be assumed to be treated, unless otherwise noted by the entrant. If the entry form indicates an untreated gemstone which is rare or unusual, the entry must be accompanied by a laboratory report verifying this. Entrants unfamiliar with common gemstone enhancements should review the "[Gemstone Information Manual](#)" from the AGTA.

**Piece Exposure – Social Media, Print & Other Contests**

If the piece has been previously submitted to other competitions, published in a print publication, or has been on social media, its eligibility is subject to review.

One person and/or company (the entrant) will be awarded a trophy or honorable mention certificate. Additional credits will be provided to the media. Please complete the entry form carefully; no changes to the information on this form will be accepted or allowed after the conclusion of judging.

By entering this competition, entrants acknowledge and agree that, although the competition is intended to honor creativity and excellence among lapidary artists, designers and manufacturers, neither the judging of the entries nor the designation of winners constitutes or shall be deemed or construed to be a determination by AGTA, the AGTA Spectrum & Cutting Edge Awards competition or the judges thereof that the design, cut, composition or appearance of any entry was originally developed or created by the entrant thereof.

Because winning entries historically have received substantial publicity, entrants must agree to consign winning entries to AGTA at no cost for the purpose of photography, display and promotion.

Winning entries will be on display at the AGTA GemFair Tucson.

AGTA reserves the right to photograph all gemstones and jewelry submitted for judging in the competition for promotional use without payment or royalty to the entrant for such use. This applies to any images submitted with the Entries.

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### **Judging**

- Judging will take place in October.
- Winners will be notified by telephone after the conclusion of the competition.
- Non-winning entries will be returned to entrants within 4 weeks.
- Please note that AGTA cannot guarantee the return of your original packing materials, custom boxes or bags.

Entrants grant AGTA's competition judges the right to make corrections or adjustments to an entry form, if the judges believe the entry would be better suited to win in another category. Judges also reserve the right to refrain from awarding a winner in categories where the number or nature of entries does not warrant recognition, in their opinion.

At the discretion of the judges, up to three winners in each category or division will be awarded trophies. Additionally, one "Best Use of Pearls", "Best of Show" and one "Best Use of Color" trophy will be awarded. Manufacturing Honors (if any) trophies can be awarded in every AGTA Spectrum Awards category. Editors' Choice trophy will be chosen during the Editor's Day event. Honorable mentions (if any) will receive a certificate. The Buyers' Choice award will be selected at AGTA GemFair Tucson.

A "Best of Single Entries" trophy will be awarded in both AGTA Spectrum Awards (finished jewelry) and AGTA Cutting Edge Awards (loose gemstones).

All decisions by the judges are final, binding, and nonappealable.

### **Platinum Honors sponsored by Platinum Guild International (PGI)**

For the Platinum Honors sponsored by PGI, each AGTA Spectrum Awards category will be awarded one Platinum Honors award. One "Best Use of Platinum and Color" and one "Best Use of a Platinum Crown" will be chosen from the AGTA Spectrum Awards competition. Additionally, Platinum Innovation awards will be presented for Bridal Wear, Business/Day Wear and Evening Wear Entries under \$3,500 retail (excluding center gemstone). In order for a piece to be eligible in this division, the platinum must meet ISO standards (900 or 950) and must comprise at least 90 percent of the metal used. All entries meeting these qualifications will be judged separately in the Platinum Honors division.

### **WJA Gem DIVA sponsored by the Women's Jewelry Association**

The WJA Gem DIVA Award recognizes the best designs by women in Bridal Wear, Business/Day Wear, Classical, Men's Wear, and Evening Wear from the AGTA Spectrum Awards entries. Women who enter the AGTA Spectrum Awards are eligible. When filling out the AGTA Spectrum Awards application, applicants simply enter one of those four Spectrum categories, then must check the Gem DIVA box to be separately and additionally judged by a panel of WJA design experts.

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**Insurance**

Entries valued above \$16,000 will require payment of insurance fees of \$2.50 per \$1000 of the replacement cost value (i.e. \$30,000 = \$35 insurance fee). Entries with a replacement cost over \$250,000 must be insured by the entrant. AGTA is not responsible for any loss in excess of \$250,000 replacement cost.

**Return Shipping**

All pieces will be returned to the address provided in the entry via FedEx unless other arrangements are made. No PO Boxes may be provided for return addresses. AGTA will pay for return shipping via FedEx for all entries with a replacement cost under \$100,000. Entrants entering pieces with a replacement cost over \$100,000 will be responsible for return shipping and insurance fees. Entries will be returned within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the competition.

AGTA is not responsible for any duties or fees associated with shipments from Canada. Fees charged by customers or third parties are the responsibility of the entrant.

**AGTA strongly recommends that the entrant retain a copy of entry forms and rules.**