

PRESS RELEASE



ANTWERP JEWELLERY WEEK

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More than 70 designers, artists and students come together in Antwerp to celebrate contemporary jewellery.

From Thursday 1 to Sunday 4 October 2026, Antwerp will host the fourth edition of Antwerp Jewellery Week (AJW). Over four days, more than 70 jewellery designers, artists and students from Antwerp, Belgium and abroad will present their work at various locations throughout the city's historic centre.

Antwerp Jewellery Week brings together established designers, emerging talent and leading specialised schools in a programme dedicated to contemporary jewellery. Exhibitions, workshops, guided tours and encounters offer visitors the opportunity to discover the wide range of approaches and craftsmanship that define contemporary jewellery.

An international jewellery trail in the heart of Antwerp:

Visitors will be able to discover the work of participating designers through a trail connecting workshops, galleries and temporary exhibitions throughout Antwerp's historic centre. Guided tours will also offer an opportunity to discover the participating venues and learn more about the creative processes and techniques of contemporary jewellery designers.

This year's edition is marked by a strong international presence. Designers from all over Europe will present their work alongside members of World Luxury Jewellers, who will showcase their collections at 33 Wolstraat.

Visitors interested in contemporary jewellery can also discover a selection of art jewellery in a dedicated space at 16 Wolstraat.

From established designers to emerging talent:

Antwerp Jewellery Week will showcase recognised figures from Antwerp's jewellery scene, including Rembrandt Jordan, Steven De Jaeger, Gerhild Kirchner and Lydia Segers, while also highlighting a new generation of designers.

Young graduates Nérée De Visscher, Anneleen Heirbaut and Emma Leyers, who have already received international recognition, will present their work alongside established professionals.

Students also play a central role in this year's programme. Their work will be presented on the first floor of 33 Wolstraat. Almost all Belgian schools specialising in jewellery will be represented, alongside several internationally renowned institutions, including the Goldschmiedeschule Pforzheim in Germany and Alchimia Contemporary Jewellery School in Italy.

The youngest designers from College Kunstkaai Antwerp will also have the opportunity to present their very first creations.

Student participation has grown significantly this year, with 30% more participating students than in the previous edition.

Workshops and activities for all audiences:

Antwerp Jewellery Week is aimed not only at professionals and collectors, but also at the general public.

Children aged 8 to 12 can take part free of charge in creative workshops organised in collaboration with Fameus and Circuit Kringloop. They will be invited to transform used jewellery into new creations, combining creativity with reuse.

Jewellery designer Lydia Segers will also host workshops for professionals and open the doors of her studio to visitors on 3 and 4 October. This offers a unique opportunity to discover her creative world and gain insight into her working process.

Practical Information

Antwerp Jewellery Week 2026

Dates 1 - 4 October 2026

Location: Historic city centre, Antwerp, Belgium

Most activities are free of charge. Guided tours and professional workshops require advance registration and payment.

The full programme, visitor map and registration are available at <https://www.antwerpjewelleryweek.com/>

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About Antwerp Jewellery

Week Antwerp Jewellery Week organises events and international platforms dedicated to contemporary jewellery and the luxury sector. With more than 30 years of experience promoting the jewellery and luxury industries, the organisation collaborates with designers, companies and public authorities to strengthen Antwerp's international reputation as a leading destination for jewellery design, craftsmanship and innovation.

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