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A Sterling Silver Collection

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Opening Reception: Friday, December 1, 2006 19:00 to 21:00
Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 to 17:00
Saturdays and Sundays: 12:00 to 17:00

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Gallery Naruyama is pleased to announce the opening of *Celebration Sterling Silver: Bags by Kazu Huggler*. The exclusive two-week exhibition opens on December 1, 2006 and premieres two intriguing objects, one, a captivating oval-shaped bag—the Egg Bag, and the other, a diamond-studded rectangular-shaped bag—the Manga Bag, by Kazu Huggler, a Japanese-Swiss fashion designer who currently lives in Zurich.

For more than three years, Huggler has focused on expanding her Couture and Ready-To-Wear Lines with the addition of bags and other accessories. However, for this special exhibition, Huggler uses a blend of hand-hammered sterling silver, diamonds set in a star and her own crest to present luxury evening bags. Pulling on her strong design background, Huggler's Egg and Manga Bags stretch the imagination without overpowering the viewer. Her Bags are extraordinarily detailed and extremely limited—only six Egg Bags and ten Manga Bags are in the edition.

The Egg Bag deliberately demonstrates how inspiration, creativity and form come together as both fashion and art. A surrealistic blend of fantasy and functionality, the Egg Bag serve as both an objet d'art with its depiction of a whimsical creature and also as a high-end evening bag. The Manga Bag on the other hand, is a definite throwback to the 1970s and based on the Japanese Manga legend. It is embossed with the Manga heroine and accentuated with a delicate diamond-star clasp. Both Bags are poised for an outstanding debut and ideally suited to accompany either a very expensive kimono or a little black dress.

The exhibition will also feature several new works that are part of a joint collaboration between Japanese artist Yoshimasa Tsuchiya, Gallery Naruyama and Kazu Huggler. Recognized for his detailed wooden sculptures of animals and flowers, Tsuchiya joined forces with the Gallery and Huggler in 2004. The trio first introduced the Sterling Silver Line of animal sculptures at the Tokyo Art Fair in November 2005. For this exhibition, a display of the new limited edition silver animal keyholders and the previously exhibited illustrious silver deer will be unveiled. Items from the Sterling Silver Line as well as the Egg and Manga Bags are available for purchase by appointment in Tokyo at Gallery Naruyama or in Zurich at Kazu Huggler's showroom.

Best known for her use of Japanese themes and kimono pattern designs, Huggler is a graduate of Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design in London. After she apprenticed with Vivienne Westwood, Huggler had her work featured at the *Central Saint Martins Press Show* and at the highly esteemed exhibition *Fashion in Motion* at the Victoria & Albert Museum in London. She also studied at Tokyo's renowned Keio University where she graduated with a dual designation degree in Japanese History of Art and Aesthetics. Her Couture Line is available for showing by appointment at her showroom while her Silk Collection is available at Fabric Frontline at Lichthof Bahnhofstrasse 25 in Zurich. Kazu Huggler's Ready-To-Wear Line sells in Globus and other fine boutiques in Switzerland. In addition to Switzerland and Japan, Kazu Huggler's designs have exhibited in France and the UK.

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