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SHINY SPARKLERS ARE A SMASH HIT THIS SEASON—MIAMI LOVES ITS ICE. BY ROBERTA NAAS

Perhaps no accessories in the world stand out as brilliantly as diamond watches. These objects of art not only track the time, but offer stunning beauty, and keep a promise of value for generations to come. The first diamond-dressed timepieces appeared in the 16th century, at which time gem-setters and goldsmiths combined their crafts with that of clockmakers. Early pocket clocks evolved into wristwatches, and soon designs became more extravagant. As the decades passed, watchmakers developed individual styles, with some brands even creating their own setting techniques. In fact, some of the more elaborate jeweled timepieces take thousands of hours to set—resulting in a watch of staggering beauty that is, fittingly, timeless. The jeweled wristwatch would never again go out of style.

This 38mm all-diamond pavé **David Yurman** watch ($66,000) is crafted in a stainless-steel case with integrated cable. It features a white diamond-set bezel and lugs, as well as a bracelet that's virtually covered in diamonds. *Bal Harbour Shops, 9700 Collins Ave., 305-867-1772; davidyurman.com*

From **Frederique Constant**, this stainless-steel Maxime watch ($3,250) boasts the brand's signature automatic movement, and the bezel is set with 58 diamonds totaling .85 carats. The exotic strap is of black galuchat (stingray). *Morays Jewelers, 50 NE Second Ave., Miami, 305-374-0739; frederiqueconstant.com*

The 42mm **Bertolucci** Stria II ($8,300) is forged in steel and set with 178 full-cut diamonds weighing 1.72 carats. It houses an ETA quartz movement and is accented with an interchangeable alligator strap. *South Miami Jewelers & Watch, 7214 SW 57th Ave., South Miami, 305-667-1898; bertolucci-watches.com* OD