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Galerie Vaclair is one of the most important galleries in Europe specializing in 19<sup>th</sup> century art, ceramics and rattan furniture from 1850 to 1900.

Located at 24 rue de Beaune in the heart of Saint Germain des Pres, the artistic and cultural center of Paris, Laurence and Denis Vaclair-Rouquette have created an exhibition space that has proven time and time again that antiques are a unique blend of originality. Working as antiques dealers for the past thirty years, Laurence and Denis travel the world in search of exceptional objects. They reveal new pieces every day from the great 19<sup>th</sup> century artist-ceramists, and their expertise in this field is recognized throughout the world. In Paris, the United States, Hong Kong and London, Laurence and Denis present their most beautiful works of art in impressive scenographies of beauty and fairytale. Through their presence at major international exhibitions and in their two galleries they have proven that antiques are synonymous with originality and fantasy (Fall 2011 Hermès Showcases, Biennale des Antiquaires Paris 2012 and 2014, Fine Art Asia-Hong Kong 2013...).

**In January 2018 Galerie Vaclair will dedicate the new year to FANTASY AND GLAMOUR. For the first time, Galerie Vaclair will present an enchanted jewelry collection created by contemporary American jewelry designer Toma Clark Haines, set against a backdrop of 19<sup>th</sup> century art and antiques.**



# A POP-UP STORE IN AN ART GALLERY

There are some encounters that leave an indelible mark; meeting Toma Clark Haines is one of them. The concept for this innovative project began one day when a completely Baroque American entered the Galerie Vauclair.

Toma Clark Haines is an international jet-setter, and founder and owner of The Antique Diva® & Co, the world's largest antique touring company. Laurence Vauclair and Denis Rouquette own one of the largest galleries in the world that specializes in 19<sup>th</sup> century art. When they learned that Toma was launching a new business, the TCH Collection: Couture Jewelry, and that her designs are inspired by nature and her travels antiquing around the globe, and that they are based heavily on 19<sup>th</sup> century art, they immediately began thinking.... *"What if their worlds collided?"*

The potential for a collaboration between the TCH Collection and Galerie Vauclair was quickly woven among the shared patterns of the 19<sup>th</sup> century ceramics and her jewelry.

Laurence & Denis gave carte blanche to Toma to transform the Galerie Vauclair into an enchanting setting to welcome her jewels. Like Alice in Wonderland, Toma is extravagantly curious, so she ventured into Laurence and Denis's collection to find works that would perfectly complement her creations.



Sketch for the  
**TCH pop up store**  
at **Galerie Vauclair**  
by Chiara Zanella



**TCH**  
COLLECTION

# TOMA CLARK HAINES TCH COLLECTION

Toma Clark Haines is the CEO and founder of The Antiques Diva® & Co, the world's largest antique touring company, offering one-on-one customized antique buying tours on 3 continents and in 15 countries.

An American expat, Toma Clark Haines moved to Paris in her mid-twenties, living for five years near what is now the Galerie Vaclair; but as fate would happen she didn't meet Denis and Laurence until nearly two decades later. Toma has lived in Europe nearly 20 years and now resides in Venice, after stints in Berlin and Amsterdam, and regularly travels to Paris where her company is the official and exclusive guide of the Marché Paul Bert Serpette in les Puces de Paris Saint-Ouen.

While antiques are her passion and profession Toma always had an interest in jewelry design. As a child, Toma would draw diamonds on paper and tape them to her schoolgirl frocks. Long before Pinterest, she would rip images that inspired her from magazines and when buying vintage pieces she always thinks about how she would adapt them. For the TCH Collection, Toma designs her own jewelry pieces and also collaborates with a Venetian jewelry designer, whose creations are known simply as ARA. The collection's unique character and the shapes and size of their precious and semi-precious stones make them true works of art.

In January 2018, the TCH Collection: Couture Jewelry by Toma Clark Haines will launch at Galerie Vaclair in collaboration with The Antiques Diva & Co. For the launch of this collection, Galerie Vaclair becomes the privileged setting for a collection of creations in shimmering colors, in dialogue with ceramics of the Palissy Ware and the opulent Napoleon III period furniture.

Imagine Alice in Wonderland and Princess Mathilde's veranda as the backdrop of daydreams at the Galerie Vaclair! It is the opposite spectrum of a classic display of antiques and decorative art galleries. It's about making life - and antiques - fun! To sublimate this decor, Toma collaborated with Fromental, creator of hand-painted silk wallpaper in audacious metallic colors.

# WHEN ENAMELS MEET THE GEMS

## DES BIJOUX DANS UNE GALERIE D'ART

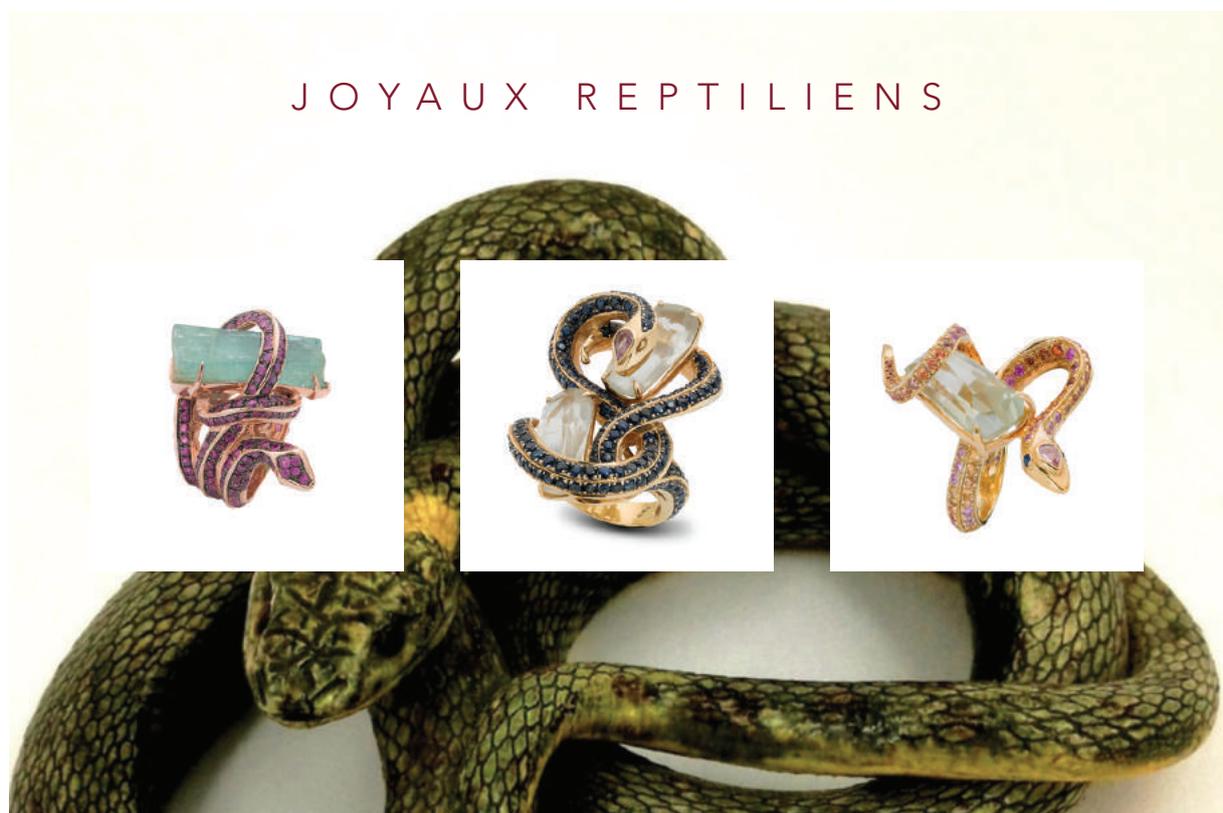
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The Antiques Diva aka Toma Clark Haines has a mission: she wants to **"Make Antiques Fun, Sexy, Modern and Relevant."** Laurence and Denis Vauclair-Rouquette share that mission. For the launch of this pop-up store in Paris these three taste-makers are redefining the world of antiques: Art and antiques galleries are not museums, but are creative pathways; places where art can be expressed in all its forms, ages and origins.

They are making antiques fun. This pop-up store was imagined as a hymn to the antiques and decorative arts of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, portraying them in a new light.

With the launch of the TCH Collection jewelry line at Galerie Vauclair, the trio prove that decorative arts and jewelry are a match made in Diva heaven.



**Saint-Honoré**, snake, circa 1880. © Galerie Vauclair

**Garden of Eden Serpentine Ring**, 24.81ct aquamarine and 5.31ct ruby. © TCH Collection

**Garden of Eden Serpentine Ring**, 4.83ct blue sapphire, 10.96ct green amethyst and 21ct pink sapphire (pear-shape rose-cut). © TCH Collection

**Garden of Eden Serpentine Ring**, 9.98ct green amethyst, 13ct pink sapphire (pear-shape rose-cut), 2.39ct pink & orange sapphire and 0,4ct black sapphire. © TCH Collection



**St. Amand**, France, Vase with lion heads,  
circa 1890. © Galerie Vauclair

**Naga necklace "Byzantium"** with carved  
amethyst and topaz antique turquoise  
on threads of amethyst beads.  
© ARA for TCH Collection

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**Crocodile**, taxidermy. © Galerie Vaclair

**Necklace "Blooming Branch"**

With three rose tourmalines, leaves formed by beads of green tourmalines, labradorite, peridot, threads of beads of peridot.

© ARA for TCH Collection

BEAUTÉ VERNACULAIRE

Caldas da Rainha, Portugal, zoomorphic pitcher,  
circa 1880. © Galerie Vauclair

Necklace "Amethyst Orchid" with carved  
and satinized amethyst orchid,  
large amethyst cut drop shape,  
tassel with amethyst beads  
and Murano glass beads.  
© ARA for TCH Collection



M E R V E I L L E P A R M E

**Massier Manufactory**, Vallauris, France,  
Crowing Rooster, circa 1890. © Galerie Vauclair

**Necklace "Turquoise Nympha"**  
with oval turquoise bas relief, pearls and drops  
of turquoise vitreous paste.  
© ARA for TCH Collection



LE CHANT DES NAÏADES

# LAURENCE & TOMA SELECTION



**French Manufactory**, Coffee table in gilded metal with gold leaf, in the Baguès style, circa 1950.

**Delphin Massier**, Vallauris, France, Pair of heron and flamingos columns, circa 1890.

**TCH Collection**, Diva Hipster Ring, 4.59ct topaz.



**Barbizet** (attributed to), Charger with crocodile, circa 1860.

**TCH Collection**, Palm Beach Ring, 25.28ct kunzite with 1.53ct pink sapphire, 1.71ct orange sapphire, 1.56ct blue sapphire.

**Massier Manufactory**, Vallauris, France, crowing rooster, circa 1890.



**French Manufactory**, Blue circular sofa, Napoleon III style, circa 1940.

**TCH Collection**, Rock Star Ring, 17.50ct white topaz, 4.60ct ruby.

**Caldas da Rainha**, Portugal, zoomorphic pitcher, circa 1880.

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