

## LIGHTNING RIDGE MINERS ASSOCIATION

### ***LIGHTNING RIDGE OPAL FEATURES AT THE SPECTRUM AWARDS***

John Ford has won an astounding two Spectrum Awards in the American Gem Trade Association's 2016 Spectrum Awards. Ford won Platinum Honours in both the evening wear division, and the day wear division. The announcement was made by the AGTA in New York earlier this week. The Spectrum Awards are considered the Oscar's of the jewellery industry, the most prestigious jewellery and gem stone competition in the world.

Ford's 2016 Spectrum Award winning designs are: a magnificent 'electric blue' black opal and diamond necklace, with 197 carats of Lightning Ridge black opals accented by 6.27 carats of fine white diamonds set in platinum; and a ladies black opal and diamond "mirror design ring", featuring a 3.65 carat Lightning Ridge black opal accented by .69 carats of fine white diamonds set in platinum.



Lightning Ridge black opal, once again punching above its weight in the international coloured gemstone market!

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