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John Ford wins Buyers Choice Award at AGTA Gem Show

(TUCSON, Ariz.) - John Ford's (Lightning Ridge Collection by John Ford) Spectrum Award winning 197 carat "Electric Blue" black opal and diamond necklace set in platinum was awarded the prestigious Buyers Choice Top Honor Spectrum Award by the American Gem Trade Association (AGTA) at their annual black tie gala on Saturday February 4th in Tucson, Arizona.

The Buyers Choice Spectrum Award is chosen by thousands of jewelry professionals from all over the world who attend the six day AGTA Gem Show in Tucson. Ford's necklace along with over 20 other Spectrum Award winning designers were on exhibition with buyers casting their ballot for the best.

Doug Hucker, CEO of the AGTA, asked for the results of the highly secretive ballot to be whispered in his ear, then stated loudly to the hundreds present "where is big John?"

"I was shocked as my name was announced and my design appeared larger than life on multiple large video screens," said Ford. "Winning this Award is so special to me because it's from my peers and I will always treasure it."



John Ford earned the AGTA Buyers Choice Spectrum Award for his 197 carat "Electric Blue" black opal and diamond necklace set in platinum.

John Ford sources black opal exclusively from Lightning Ridge Australia for his black opal and diamond designs. His collection is available in luxury jewelry stores on the east coast and southern United States. His designs can be seen at www.LightningRidgeCollection.com.

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