

# *The Lightning Ridge Collection* by John Ford®

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## **FORD WINS SPECTRUM AWARDS FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

**Galveston, Texas (August 7, 2018)** – The American Gem Trade Association has just announced today in New York it's 2018 Spectrum Award winners, John Ford for the third consecutive year has won multiple Spectrum Awards. This is a major achievement as the AGTA Spectrum Awards are the most prestigious jewelry and gemstone competition in the world.

Today's wins bring John's total number of Spectrum Awards to eight. Distinguishing John from other winning designers, who work with many different colored gemstones, his designs feature Lightning Ridge opal. "When I won my first Spectrum in 2014, I was thrilled with the publicity the design "the Maxine" garnered for Australian opal. Today seven Spectrum Awards later, I'm just overwhelmed by those sharing my love for nature's natural wonder, Lightning Ridge opal. Winning awards are a wonderful thing, but the real credit belongs to the individual lady and gentlemen opal miners, who work hard every day in Lightning Ridge, Australia."

John's 2018 Spectrum Award winning designs: Platinum Honor's, Day Wear, features a spectacular 10.67 carat freeform multi-color Lightning Ridge opal accented by 165 fine white diamonds weighing 1.07 carats set in a unique design on a platinum wire with bezel set diamond end pieces, Classical; Honorable Mention, a classical necklace made of 11 blue green Lightning Ridge black opals weighing 38.43 carats accented by 6.76 carats of diamonds and 2.22 carats of sapphires and tsavorites, set in platinum.

### **About Lightning Ridge Collection by John Ford**

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 throughout the United States.

The winning designs can be seen very soon at [www.LightningRidgeCollection.com](http://www.LightningRidgeCollection.com)

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