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June-Born Designers Wear Their Birthstones

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In April, I asked designers and their publicists who who were born during that month about their favorite pieces they design, represent and wear in their birthstone which were diamonds.

I am bringing the concept back for the month of June which has three, yes three birthstones: moonstone, pearl and alexandrite. Different designers and their publicists choose one of the three gems in a piece from the collection they design or represent with the meaning and style that best reflects their own personalities.

Grace Lee/Grace Lee

“I am June baby therefore my birthstone of choice is pearl out of the three birthstones of this month. Pearls are classic and timeless by nature. We have reinterpreted the pearl in a few modern ways that can easily transition to any time of the day. I love combining pearls with yellow gold because they really pop next to gold. One of my favorite pearl pieces is our Pearl O Bracelet. It is simple yet

stunning and you can easily stack it with any style from diamond tennis bracelets to neon friendship bracelets.”



Grace Lee Wearing Her Favorite Pearl Jewelry GRACE LEE



Grace Lee Baroque Pearl (Birthstone) Coil Ring With Diamond GRACE LEE

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Meaghan Flynn Petropoulos, Co-founder/For Future Reference

“My moonstone cross and heart slider are Victorian circa 1840 and were purchased in New Orleans in the estate jewelry district. They were purchased to be worn together, but they are not a set. It's is the only birthstone piece I've ever bought because I don't like the other option of pearls! I decided the day I found this that moonstone was just a better fit for me, so my husband got them for me as a birthday present. I intended to give the jewels to my daughter for her Christening on July 11th, but with yet another COVID cancellation, I guess I get to keep them a bit longer!”





Meaghan Meaghan Flynn Petropoulos FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

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Meaghan Flynn Petropoulos' Moonstone (Birthstone) Cross FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Nicole Carosella, Co-Founder and designer of **Sorellina**

“My sister Kim and I both have June birthdays; therefore it’s only fitting that we’d make a pair of statement earrings that combine two of this month’s birthstones pearls and moonstone. While many people view pearls as being traditional, we love finding unexpected ways to use them in the line. These earrings are sculptural and elegant but still fun and cool. Our Monroe Crescent Ball earrings are one of our absolute favorites for nights out on the town but we occasionally pop them on in quarantine to get a much-needed jolt of glam.”





Nichole and Kim Carosella designers of Sorellina Wearing Their Earrings SORELLINA





Sorellina Pearl and Moonstone (Birthstone) earrings SORELLINA

Jen Levitt/Jennifer Levitt PR

“I haven’t taken off my Prounis [22k Rainbow Moonstone Tear Pendant](#) since the moment I put it on. Each pendant is naturally one of a kind, and Jean Prounis hand selected this stone for me before bezel setting it and attaching her signature laurel bail in her rich, buttery yellow 22k gold. Moonstone is both my birthstone and my favorite gem; I love its opalescent shimmer. It has such dreamy qualities and is said to bring clarity to your everyday life.”





Jen Levitt of Jennifer Levitt PR Agency Wearing Her Moonstone Pendant Layered With Other Pendants JENNIFER LEVITT



Jennifer Levitt Moonstone (Birthstone) Prounis Tear Pendant JENNIFER LEVITT

Kassandra Nicholson/Kassandra Nicolson

“I love wearing my moonstone pendant from my California Collection. It’s a feminine stone, and a traveler’s stone. It is full of symbolism, and it echoes with legends of lost sailors finding their way at sea by light of the moon. The magical blue sheen of this June birthstone glows in my hand-textured rose gold setting, and

reminds me of something you'd see in a fairytale. I choose moonstone over the other June birthstones—it's completely magical.”



Kassandra Nicholson Wearing Her Moonstone Pendant KASSANDRA NICHOLSON





Kassandra Nicholson Moonstone (Birthstone) Necklace KASSANDRA NICHOLSON

Lauren Curtin/Lauren Addison Jewelry

“As a June baby, I've been lucky enough to be born with pearls as one of three birthstones. These are what I chose as ‘my’ stone. They're classic and timeless and when paired with a contemporary design, they are sophisticated and unexpectedly edgy all at once. This is how we would describe our South Sea pearl and diamond cuff earrings, which consist of graduating diamonds with a pair of 12mm South Sea pearls and a TCW of .80 diamonds.”





Lauren Curtin From Lauren Addison Wearing Her Pearl Earrings LAUREN CURTIN



Lauren Curtin of Lauren Addison Jewelry Pearl (Birthstone) Earrings LAUREN ADDISON

Ananya/Ananya

"I've always thought pearls are such a classic, timeless and chic stone and my aim was to design them into a piece to allow for wearing classic pearls, unconventionally by translating them into contemporary geometric forms. Set in 18K white gold, the Celeste

Grey Lotus ring is crafted with layers of black diamonds, white diamonds and inlayed Mother of Pearl."



Ananya Wearing Her Pearl Ring ANANYA





Ananya's Pearl (Birthstone) Ring ANANYA

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