

GALLERY

SPECTACULAR WATCHMAKING

We have selected a number of timepieces that distinguish themselves by their originality, innovation, or sheer exuberance. They all go to show that horology knows no real boundaries when embracing the art of the spectacular.

\$ < CHF 500
 \$\$ CHF 500 TO CHF 2,000
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BATTENBERG INNOVATIONS - NX.2

Nixie tubes, a digital display medium using cathode ray tubes, were widely used in the 1960s and 1970s for digital displays on scientific instruments. Since relegated to the shelves of scientific history, they have been recreated by the Battenberg Foundation to create a surprisingly luminous timepiece. The electrically charged signs and numbers are visualised by light discharge through noble gas. It is also possible to display the date (day, month, year) every minute, for a few seconds. The NX.2 also has a Wi-Fi module for internet connection, to synchronise the time. Limited edition of 10 pieces. 8-year warranty. \$\$\$\$



REUGE x MB&F - MUSICMACHINE 1 RELOADED

In 2013, MB&F decided to explore mechanical projects that "go beyond the wristwatch". The first of these co-creations was the MusicMachine 1, developed in collaboration with Reuge, a historic manufacturer of high-end music boxes, and designed by a young Chinese designer, Xin Wang. Almost ten years later, MB&F have decided to rework this inaugural piece. The MusicMachine 1 Reloaded, designed by Maximilian Maertens, is a streamlined unit comprising two propellers with their two silver cylinders, mounted on landing gear. The energy supplied by the helical springs is transferred via the gears, and the rate of unwinding is meticulously controlled by air regulators comparable to those of traditional minute repeater watches. The system sets in motion the two cylinders that contain the musical "scores", represented by 1,400 precisely placed pins. As the cylinders rotate, the pins strike the blades of the steel keyboards, each with a selection of 72 hand-tuned notes. The concert programme features a choice of the Star Wars theme, the Imperial March from The Empire Strikes Back, the Star Trek theme, Pink Floyd's "Another Brick in the Wall", Deep Purple's "Smoke on the Water" and John Lennon's "Imagine". Limited edition of 33 pieces in blue, 33 in red and 33 in black. \$\$\$\$