

## **Black in Jewelry Coalition: Together by Design Official Rules**

### **Introduction**

The Black in Jewelry Coalition (BIJC), a nonprofit dedicated to the advancement of Black professionals in the jewelry, gem and watch industry, is hosting the “Together by Design” contest that celebrates Black love and creation. Enter the contest for a chance to win a custom-designed platinum engagement ring featuring a 1.44- carat Fancy Yellow diamond and platinum engagement ring. We prefer submissions from people not already engaged and not already married. For more information visit <https://blackinjewelry.org/together-by-design/>.

### **Why Platinum?**

- **Platinum Strength** -Platinum is one of the strongest, most enduring and densest metals.
- **Platinum Purity** - Platinum jewelry has a high level of purity that makes it naturally hypoallergenic and, thus, the perfect choice for people with sensitive skin.
- **Platinum Durability** - Platinum’s durability makes it ideal for wearing every day, as it sustains very little metal loss over a lifetime of wear. Over time, platinum jewelry will develop a natural “patina,” which can be returned to a bright, white shine with a simple repolishing.

### **Rules for Jewelry Design Entrants**

#### **• Jewelry Design Eligibility**

To be eligible for entry in the BIJC Design Competition, designers must meet the following criteria, submit a PDF/JPEG design online, and meet the requirements outlined below in a timely manner:

- 18+ years of age
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Be subject to a background check to determine eligibility for this

## competition

*Note: The designer must submit a PDF/JPEG online for judging. Once the winning design is selected, the designer will begin fabrication/construction of the physical piece. BIJC membership is not required but is highly encouraged to stay in the know for future BIJC opportunities*

### • **Jewelry Design Schedule**

The design competition will take place between 9:00 am ET on July 10, 2023, and 11:59 pm ET August 25, 2023. Judging will take place between August 31, 2023 and September 15, 2023, and a winner will be notified by September 15, 2023.

### • **Jewelry Design Competition Criteria**

Scoring in the BIJC Design Competition is based on the final product of each eligible entrant's design and in accordance with the rules of this competition. Each eligible entry will be judged on aesthetic, finishing, innovation, emotional value, relevance to the selected couple, craftsmanship, and uniqueness. The 2023 winners ring will be made using Platinum, the materials will be sponsored by Platinum Guild International. The center stone will be a 1.44-carat Fancy Yellow diamond from Nungu Diamonds. The winning design will also have the approval of the winner of our Love Story Contest.

### • **Jewelry Design Prizes**

Thanks to the generous support of sponsors and partners, BIJC will award the following to the design competition winner.:

- \$5,000 cash prize
- Scholarship for 1 two-hour GIA online Continuing Education Seminar
- Scholarship for 1 Basic Tuition at GRS
- One-year of Jewelers Vigilance Committee membership
- One-year of Jewelers of America membership

Any and all applicable taxes on prizes are the sole responsibility of the design

winner. Courses are non-transferrable and cannot be redeemed for cash.

Prizes will be awarded during a digital or in-person awards presentation on a date to be set by BIJC in the future. The winner must be present at the awards presentation to receive prizes.

Prior to the design winner receiving the cash prize, the winner must complete all work for all underlying design competition and production of the winning design, including any sizing, adjustments of finishes required for the winning engagement ring.

### **Terms & Conditions for Jewelry Design Entrants**

1. The decisions of the judges regarding selection of the winning designer are final.
2. The piece designed must be an original design of the designer entrant and cannot have been submitted to any other or previous design competition by the deadline date for submission.
3. It is the intention of BIJC that all designs, photographs, videos and renderings submitted by a designer entrant in connection with the competition remain the property of the designer entrant. However, by entering the competition, the designer entrants agree to the unrestricted use of some by BIJC before, during and after the period associated with the promotion of the competition.
4. Distribution of awards requires the designer entrant to have a valid US tax identification or social security number. All US law and tax regulations applicable to the granting of the award shall be followed.
5. BIJC and its directors, associates, any agencies it employs and its members shall be held harmless from any and all claims, litigation or other legal proceedings from any source connected with this competition.

### **Rules for Love Story Entrants**

- **Love Story Eligibility**

To be eligible for entry in the BIJC Love Story Contest, love story entrants must meet the following criteria, submit a love story online, and complete the requirements outlined below in a timely manner:

- 18+ years of age
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Be one-half of the love story discussed in the contest submission essay
- Be subject to a background check to determine eligibility for this contest
- Cannot already be married

#### • **Love Story Schedule**

The love story contest will take place between 9:00 am ET April 18, 2023, and 11:59 pm ET June 9, 2023, 11:59pm. Judging will take place between June 15, 2023, and June 30, 2023 and a winner will be notified by June 30, 2023.

BIJC will only accept and consider one love story submission per couple. Submission of more than one love story application may result in rejection from the competition.

#### • **Love Story Competition Criteria**

Scoring in the BIJC Love Story Contest is based on the final product of each eligible applicant's love story and in accordance with the rules of this contest.

Each eligible love story will be judged on uniqueness, and adherence of theme by a panel of experienced jewelry professionals, including editors, executives, and more.

#### • **Love Story Prizes**

Thanks to the generous support of sponsors and partners, BIJC will award a free engagement ring to the selected love story winner, in accordance with the rules

and terms and conditions provided by BIJC. Any and all applicable taxes on prizes are the sole responsibility of the winner – the ring is valued a minimum of **\$15,000.**

The engagement ring will be selected from a group of Jewelry Design competitors and judged by a panel of experienced jewelry professionals, including designers, executives, gemologists and more. The winner of the love story will have an opportunity to have a conversation with the design competition winner to provide some input to the final design.

Prizes will be awarded during a digital or in-person awards presentation on a date to be set by BIJC in the future. The winner must be present at the awards presentation to receive prizes.

### **Terms & Conditions for Love Story Applicants**

1. Submitters of love stories must be the persons referred to in the story. Judges will not accept stories submitted on behalf of others. Only one submission per entrant.
2. Submitters of a love story agree to abide by the terms of the competition, and agree to have their identities and story examined for veracity, in the sole discretion of the judges and the BIJC. A background check may be conducted at the sole discretion of the BIJC.
3. Stories must be submitted in written form in the manner prescribed by the BIJC.
4. Once submitted, these stories become the sole intellectual property of the BIJC. Submitters agree that the content of their story may be used, without restriction, by the BIJC.
5. Submitters agree that they may be requested to provide photographs or other material connected to their submission. These photographs and other materials become the sole intellectual property of the BIJC and the material may be used without restriction by the BIJC in connection with the contest.
6. Submitters agree that, during the period associated with this competition including the selection and marketing of their love story, they will publicly and overtly manifest their intention to marry.

7. BIJC and its directors, associates, any agencies it employs and its members shall be held harmless from any and all claims, litigation or other legal proceedings from any source connected with this competition.