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# Lauren Khoo to Launch Zodiac-Inspired Collection

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Lauren X Khoo's 18k gold, carbon plated rings representing the twelve symbols of the Chinese lunar calendar.

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**ANIMAL CHARM:** Fine jewelry designer Lauren Khoo, who introduced her label, Lauren X Khoo, in February 2014, is launching her latest collection in honor of the Chinese New Year. The Hong Kong-, New York- and Singapore-based designer was inspired by the animals of the Chinese zodiac (the Year of the Ram begins on Feb. 19) and the duality of her bicontinental upbringing: "It was noodles during my Chinese birthday," she explained, "while we had cake, clowns and balloons for my Western birthday."

Khoo is producing limited-edition pendant charms and rings commemorating the 12 zodiac signs in 18-karat gold, plated in various shades of colored carbon. Retail prices are \$4,700 to \$5,500, and the collection will be sold exclusively at Fivestory New York, beginning in April.

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