Meet Saks Fifth Avenue's Scottsdale Jewelry Designer

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Is bling on your wish-list for Santa? Well, you might want to be specific and ask for some pieces from Saks. Meet the AZ woman behind the jazzy jewelry now being served at Fashion Square.

She's a self-proclaimed Tom-boy—you can often find her shooting machine guns (the Uzi) at the Scottsdale Gun Club. However, her dearest love are diamonds; yes, bling is her best friend.

Meet Jacqueline Nerguizian, Saks Fifth Avenue's newest fine jewelry designer; she's also a Scottsdale wife and mother of five.

"Diamonds are celebratory, given for life's milestones—birthdays, engagements, weddings, anniversaries. They're beautiful; they sparkle," said Nerguizian.

Nerguizian is a 3rd generation jeweler. Growing up, she'd often work alongside her dad at his Los Angeles high-end retail shop. Her family's biz became the talk around town, tending to A-list celebs, big-wigs, and politicians. That's why it's no surprise Nerguizian now runs her successful Scottsdale business, creating unique pieces for ice-loving Valley vixens.

"My style is making ageless items. Our signature pieces would be the 'diamond shoes,' black and white diamond combinations, and unique initial necklaces," she said.

Nerguizian is a GIA certified gemologist, favoring the rarest of gemstones. Her famed clients include Bret and Kristi Michaels, who she says are wonderful to work with. And if you're interested in her stuff, just head to Saks. Nerguizian teamed up with Saks Fifth Avenue to sell a line of fine jewelry in all their stores. The collaboration kicked off at the Saks Fifth Avenue Biltmore Store's trunk show—the most successful jewelry trunk show in the history the store had ever seen.

"It was great—pieces were flying off store shelves."

When Nerguizian is not creating elite beauty (many exceeding thousands of dollars), she's mothering her five(!) young kids. She's also a devout Pilates fan and a member of the Pinnacle Peak Women's Club.

And considering Christmas is around the corner, why not stuff your stocking with bling? Her trendy, yet timeless pieces are out of the norm—something any woman would want to flaunt.

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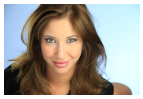

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