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The Eva and Peter Herion Collection

Ethnographic Jewellery

For more than thirty years, Eva and Peter Herion of Pforzheim have been collecting jewellery on extensive travels in Africa, Asia, the Near East and the South Seas. Their collection of ethnographic jewellery from those regions, which has been loaned to the Jewellery Museum, provides insights into the forms of adornment in tradition-conscious societies. Like so many early types of jewellery, these ethnic pieces are polysemic. They may possess magical and ritual significance or they may indicate the wearer's status in the tribal hierarchy. The Ethnographic Jewellery show will present exhibits of jewellery from various ethnic groups on a rotating basis over several years. The current display features jewellery from Papua New Guinea, Nagaland in India, Namibia and Thailand.