

# You shall go to the Ball

Rare Gowns, Exquisite Bags and Jewellery at Passionata

Passionata has a selection of vintage, retro and one off tailor made and worn once gowns, including some amazing wedding gowns.

Just arrived this week is a beautiful 1950's full skirted ball gown in iridescent, stiff red fabric, a gorgeous black velvet Thornton Hall, early 1990's with faux leopard skin collar and cuffs and a pretty blue off the shoulder 1980's tailor made dress.

They also have some beautiful 1980's dresses, coats and jackets from one collection, many of which have been snapped up already. The clothes are made by early NZ designers and some are tailor made one-offs.

These dresses are ideal for balls, weddings and special occasions where you can stand out from the crowd in your rare outfit. No worries about having someone else turn up in the same outfit! Customers are coming back for this year's ball season as they had so many comments on their dress and accessories last year.

Passionata's jewellery collection is getting more and more extensive. There is nothing more beautiful than vintage diamantes for a ball unless you have real diamonds! They have gorgeous chandelier earrings, stunning brooches, beautiful necklaces and chokers, fabulous bracelets.

In the new jewellery selection there is quite a bit to choose from just from Israel - Danon, Dikla Meri and Shabloon handcrafted silver watches. Passionata has a new range of silver from



India which is hand finished in NZ. This jewellery has amethysts,

peridots, garnets, sapphires etc and comes in pendants, rings, bracelets, necklaces and earrings. Not to forget their Jewelart range of silver from Thailand.

They have modern crystal earrings by Kerri, and a selection by Beadworks and Magpies Nest, apart from a large assortment of crystal and jet necklaces which go with just about any outfit.

Their evening bags are to die for and they specialize in vintage. They do have a few new hand beaded flapper-style bags, and feather bags, but they mainly have the gorgeous retro NZ made evening bags, beautiful vintage beaded and good quality mesh and cloth bags. Their Orotan and Whiting Davis mesh bag selection is worth visiting just to admire.

They have visitors to their shop who admire and