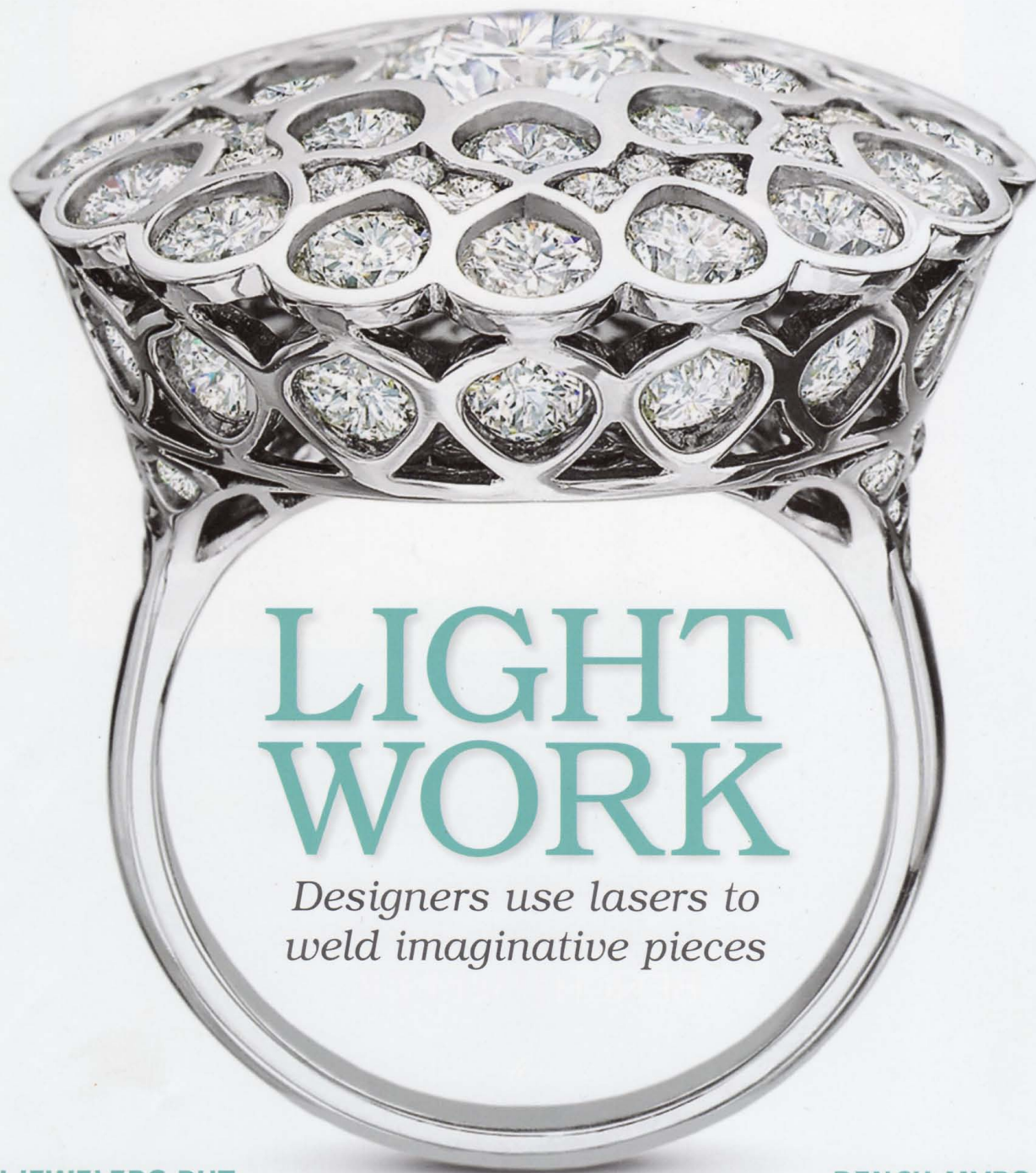


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# PEOPLE & PLACES

## 2014 NICHE Award Winners Named

The Rosen Group in Baltimore recently announced the winners of its 2014 NICHE Awards, which spotlight the creative work of American and Canadian craft artists. The following is a sampling of winners in the professional jewelry categories. For a complete list of winners in the jewelry and metal categories, see page 26.



*Silver with Stones*  
▶ **ROBIN WAYNEE**  
Santa Fe, New Mexico



*Gold with Stones*  
◀ **ELIZABETH & JACK GUALTIERI**  
Portland, Oregon



*Silver*  
◀ **SUZANNE LINQUIST**  
Junction City, Oregon



*Wedding*  
▶ **ADEL CHEFRIDI**  
Woodstock, New York ◆