

## Chocolate and Champagne Diamonds on the Special Occasion Menu

(ARA) — Chocolate and champagne diamonds are the hottest jewelry trend going and they make the perfect gift — whether it's an anniversary, birthday or special holiday — in any form.

"Many people don't think beyond traditional diamonds and pearls when it comes to jewelry gifts," says Natalie Parman, vice president of a merchandising company. "But the options are endless, especially since colored gemstones are increasingly popular. Champagne and chocolate diamonds are gorgeous, and come in everything from crisp, light colors to earthy dark browns."

Chocolate diamonds are often more rare than colorless diamonds and look stunning in a cocktail ring setting or a pair of dangle earrings. Give your significant other a special surprise by nestling a white and dark chocolate ring inside a box of delicious gourmet chocolates. Or make her wrist sparkle with a deep brown chocolate diamond bracelet.

If your budget is limited, another chocolate gemstone is Zircon. Known for its brilliance and luster, Zircon is often compared to diamonds but is often a more affordable option. Smoky quartz is also a part of the trendy brown family. Its color ranges from brown to black to smoky gray and often comes in large sizes, making it a perfect gem for pendants and brooches. Dark brown gemstones are offset

beautifully by a white gold or platinum setting.

Champagne diamonds are found in a range of colors from soft candlelight to warm cognac. Hollywood stars have been spotted on red carpets the world over sporting champagne diamonds.

Drape a necklace with a sparkling champagne diamond pendant over a bottle of good champagne for the ultimate gift. Champagne diamonds look particularly stunning with a rectangular, baguette cut to let the color shine through. Nothing captures the sparkle of candlelight or low evening lighting better than lightly colored champagne diamonds.

"Champagne and chocolate diamonds are hot, trendy and offer a new way to wear diamonds," says Parman. "They're warm, they stand out in a crowd and they look good with any skin tone. And who doesn't like calorie-free chocolate and champagne?"

