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MUSIC

While less known than the Winch model, the Greenwich music box by Reuge associates the traditional art of mechanical music with the maritime world. A compass adorns the outer casing of this fine piece of marquetry work, while the original opening system pivoting on an off-centred axis reveals the inlaid maritime map. Even the musical score is a nod to the great navigators in their conquest of the West, since Cuban rhythms give a special flavour to this model in which even the movement finishes evoke the world of fine watchmaking. Further information at www.reuge.com



PIRATE

With the RM 052 Skull, the dynamic Richard Mille has done much more than draw upon the purely visual appearance of the skull: machined from grade 5 titanium, this motif actually constitutes the baseplate and bridges of the movement, itself connected to the case by four bridges inspired by the crossbones generally found on pirate ships. The upper and lower jaws hold the tourbillon cage jewel. The rear of the skulls serves as the centre bridge. This symbol of the brand's non-conformist spirit and of extreme technical sophistication is available in a strictly limited edition of 21 watches in titanium or gold. Further information at www.richardmille.com



AVANT-GARDE

Representing the culmination of four years of R&D, LeDIX Veloce combines a tourbillon watch with a cellphone in a contemporary reinvention of the pocket-watch paying tribute to Swiss Made micromechanics. Among the numerous innovations required to achieve such a masterpiece, the Remontage Papillon ("butterfly winding") most vividly expresses the legitimacy of the product. This Celsius X VI II patented system housed in the hinge of the object provides the watch movement with an additional three hours' power reserve with each opening. Besides it sets the stage for world's most off-centred flying tourbillon (36 mm). This exceptional and timeless object in black PVD-treated titanium with carbon fibre inserts features no less than 600 mechanical components. More information on www.Celsius-X-VI-II.com.



KNOTS

For the Rives Genève jewellery designer, boating knots are the starting point for the Croisière collection interpreted through 20 original models and around 50 ring, bracelet and necklace variations. While its favourite materials are gold and diamonds, they may also be accompanied by ultra-resistant polyester woven into 16 plaits, as on the "Drisse" bracelet in 18K white gold set with 14 diamonds. Further information at www.rivesgeneve.com



RECORD

As official timekeeper for Loïck Peyron and his maxi catamaran which beat the world non-stop crewed round-the-world sailing record in early 2012, Corum launches a special Trophée Jules Verne edition of its famous Admiral's Cup Seafender model. The chronograph's mechanical self-winding movement is visible through the sapphire crystal back of the titanium case (water-resistant to 100 m), adorned with a globe motif and the route of the Jules Verne Trophy. Further information at www.corum.ch