



Star Time

Theo Fabergé, grandson of the famous Carl, recently introduced his version of an astronomical timepiece—popular centuries ago for charting the placement of the stars at various dates.

After dreaming about making such a clock for more than 15 years, Fabergé created the limited edition Passion Sidereal Clock in the St. Petersburg Collection.

This timepiece is crafted of steel tempered to blued perfection, regulated by an horologist, molded in a glass furnace, and decorated with gold and diamonds by goldsmiths.

The clock is a completely mechanical timepiece with three independent gear mechanisms. It features a chapter ring for telling time and a center globe with constellations on it. The globe rotates at a set longitude and latitude to show which constellations will be directly overhead at a specific time.

Each clock contains 239 diamonds and 140 grams of gold, and retails for \$92,000. Only six pieces will be made, at a rate of two per year. Each clock is signed and numbered.

The two clocks made in 1997 have been sold; at the time of this writing, the two 1998 models were still available, and the last two timepieces will be available in 1999.

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