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AMONG THE GRAZIA'S PARIS COUTURE WEEK INVITATIONS, the most glittering was a private gala dinner at Le Musée du Louvre for the presentation of the coveted Fine Art Of High Jewelry And Timepieces award where 40 jewellery and watch brands were invited to submit their creations, including Dubai-based brand Payal New York.

Sharing her designs – which were inspired by the iconic Musée du Louvre – exclusively with *Grazia*, Founder and Designer Payal Mehta reveals, “To me, the Louvre represents a majestic space that marries the grandeur of Parisian history with the city’s contemporary flair. The Louvre also contains the most remarkable collection of rare and beautiful art. With the Louvre in mind, I used diamonds I have been collecting for years to create a necklace that is pays homage to the heritage of this great museum.”

She continues, “I used rare blue, pink, yellow, orange, and

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green diamonds to make this piece that recreates the facets of the Louvre, especially as seen through the dazzling, glass pyramid forms designed by the great architect IM Pei. I also added a briolette to accentuate the design and to entice the eye. These different diamonds of various sizes are truly rare and deserve to be equated with the brilliance of the Louvre.”

The result, according to Payal, is “a special piece for a unique woman who is confident, inspired, playful, and committed to beautiful design. Like a sketch, it expresses light, shadow, and line in the most elegant

Payal New York's Eternity necklace was on display at Christie's in Paris

way, which is what I try and convey in all of my work.”

Payal was in prestigious company among 24-carat names including Hublot, Bulgari, and Chopard. “It is truly a great honour to be a part of an event where incredible works of jewellery are celebrated. I am so happy to be among this talented group. This is a great success for Payal New York, and I am humbled to be included in such brilliant company.” Musing on what gave her masterpieces the edge, she adds, “My collection of majestic stones and the simplicity of my designs make Payal New York unique.”

