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Diamonds Are Forever

Stephen O'Meara debuts this stunning miniature masterpiece — encrusted with 1.63k of diamonds — as a Show Highlight at this month's Chicago International. Entitled "Conjugal Fidelity," this one-of-a-kind piece features the swan, a symbol of fidelity as one of the few species that mates for life. The egg is 24k solid gold, lathe-engraved in a silky moiré pattern, with an 18k white-gold bezel. The swans are crafted in 18k white gold and both have ruby eyes and the four signets are 18k yellow gold. A blue sapphire studs the center of the 18k white-gold lotus. The stand is one of Stephen's 18k gold reproduction Victorian centerpieces. The ensemble, shown actual size, is handfitted in a blue glove-leather exhibition case.