



Friends of Carlotta

In most Swiss jewellery stores, the point is to demonstrate, emphatically, the depth of your pocket. Taste and creativity don't always come into it. The delightful Friends of Carlotta is different. Since 1995, it has been exhibiting jewellery created by designers whose work is playful, off-kilter and sometimes saucy. Polar-bear snow-globe spaceship ring anyone? Hard to explain, but we think you'll like it. Actually,

the polar-bear ring is called 'Spacebear Fred', £387, and the store name is lifted from a joke in the Steve Martin film *Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid*. A chest-hair magnifying pendant, for the less hirsute male, by Bruna Hauert, is another of the store's oddball gems. Meanwhile, the fur-and-silver 'Fingermuff', £157, by Kirsten Grünebaum, isn't as rude as it sounds. Neumarkt 22, T 044 261 8707, foc.ch