

Spring Awakening

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WHO: Sun worshippers, those with seasonal affective disorder, 12 year-old girls, people who love cabbage rose patterns and fashionistas who responded to the copious **use of flora and fauna** prints on the Spring 2011 runways.

WHAT: According to good old Punxsutawney Phil, **spring will be early this year** and apparently eyewear designers are heeding its call. Sunwear for Spring/Summer 2011 is redolent with all manner of **springtime motifs**. Flowers, insects and birds are appearing all over the season's sunnies and one thing is clear... **Spring is awakening.**

WEAR: (L to R, top row) In many parts of the world, the ladybug is considered good luck; in **Anna Sui's** world it is also considered good fashion, so the AS805 aviator sunglasses from Mondottica USA must be the perfect way to usher in a fortuitous spring. **Judith Leiber** has long been known for making beautiful things; the brand's handbag collection often takes inspiration

from the natural world and the eyewear collection now follows suit. Here the Judith Leiber Shanghai Lilly JL1612 sunglasses from Legacie feature a beautiful crystal encrusted bloom. The rose-print is one of the signature patterns of the **Dolce&Gabbana** brand, timeless and feminine the floral motif fits perfectly into this season's most bountiful trend by way of the DG4007-M sunglasses from Luxottica. (L to R, bottom row) **Marc Jacobs** introduced his Daisy fragrance in 2007 and now the motif makes its way to the sunglass collection just in time for spring with the MJ347/S from Safilo. Like many birds, swans are migratory and only make their appearance once the weather warms; the **Swarovski** SW10 sunglasses from Marcolin will also make their appearance once the weather warms and feature the brand's iconic logo in the form of entwined swans on the endpieces.

WHY: Who doesn't love spring? The flowers are blooming, the birds are singing and what better way to celebrate the season, than in a pair of sunglasses that **pay tribute to all that is beautiful about this time of year**. Spring is a time of new birth, a concept that is resonating with a lot of consumers who are tired of this winter's doldrums and the dire economic circumstances of the last few years.

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