

Local chocolatier creates stunning works of edible art

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If you're looking for a unique yet stylish hostess gift, then look no further than Artisan Confections in Arlington, VA (1025 North Fillmore Street; 703.524.0007).

Both delicious and aesthetically pleasing, these beautiful bonbons are the creation of Chocolatier Jason Andelman. Timeless techniques go into making the small batches of these exquisite chocolates at Artisan's workshop/retail shop in Clarendon. Andelman's background in fine art clearly influences the delightful decorating. So dedicated is he to the artistry of his creations, Andelman features the designs of local artists on his chocolates in special collections. Each treat is a work of art in and of itself, and with ingredients like smoky chipotle chilies, Venezuelan cacao beans, and green cardamom, these are not your mother's chocolates.

Passionate about making the highest quality artisan-crafted confec-

tions, founder Jason Andelman, had no trouble coming up with a name for his company. A native of Northern Virginia, Andelman first pursued his fascination with fine art by acquiring a degree in Art History from the College of William and Mary. He then explored his love of fine chocolate at the Culinary Institute of America in New York, where he graduated with honors from the pastry program. After years as a pastry chef, Jason left restaurants for good in 2005 to open Artisan Confections.

His exquisite chocolates soon garnered rave reviews, and with the opening of his new shop in Arlington's Clarendon community, Jason hopes to bring the experience of fresh artisan chocolates to more of his neighbors. He even offers regular group or private classes at the workshop; two hours of hands-on instruction and chocolate-making demonstrations. Now that's passion!



Special Collection at Artisan Confections in Clarendon
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