# Show time

# You're not going out in that?

wiss-based horological artist Yvan Arpa's niche is "creating unique pieces at mass-production prices". And he means unique. His Artya models are subjected to unusual punishment such as bolts of lightning or a million volts of electricity, with the result that no two emerge alike. If the cases look fashionably 'distressed', that's nothing compared to the deconstruction of the dials into something Kafkaesque. Not even the movement is spared, with hand-fashioned spidery quadrotor contrivances powering pieces such as this Tesla Squelette model. As Arpa explains it, "the idea was to bring together the finest watchmakers ... with artists drawn to conceptual art. They're pulling together to give form to the craziest ideas." So your Artya watch will have bits of gold leaf, copper wire, numerous details evocative of diodes and coils, and straps made from materials such as 'crazy frog' tanned cane toad skin. The collection is now available at Sydney's Double Bay watch-spot Unique Timepieces, priced from \$2800 to \$12,000. ■

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