

# The unique combination of the joker-indication and the “loony” seconds will make you smile

Konstantin Chaykin and Behrens present a new collaboration – the Behrens x Konstantin Chaykin Edition 2025 watch.

Konstantin Chaykin only gives other brands permission to use his popular wristmon design with an anthropomorphic dial in exceptional cases. One of these partners who have developed their own wristmon in collaboration with Chaykin is the Chinese brand Behrens, which specializes in the production of watches with an original, creative design based on movements and display modules developed in-house. The story of the partnership between the two brands began in 2022, when the Behrens x Konstantin Chaykin Ref. BHR028 was introduced, which was offered in three versions – with a case made of titanium, blackened titanium and “ice” crystallized titanium, which is characterized by an interesting spotted surface texture reminiscent of frost patterns on glass. Each of the three versions was issued in a limited edition of 200 pieces and sold out quickly.

For this watch, the Behrens watchmakers have developed a special display module that is largely modeled on Konstantin Chaykin’s joker-indication display system with two hour and minute displays in the shape of the character’s eyes (hours on the left, minutes on the right, which helps to intuitively determine the time). One key difference is the character’s smile, which features a unique complication – a “loony” seconds hand – instead of the moonphase or day of the week display typical of Chaykin wristmons. The “loony” seconds hand with a tip in the shape of a symbol of the playing card suit “spades” moves along a sophisticated path in the shape of a smile, a highly coveted feature of almost all wristmons. This complication fits perfectly with the idea of Chaykin’s joker-indication, although Behrens makes a technical allusion to an object from traditional Chinese material culture, namely a hand-operated stone mill “shi mo”, which has been invented and used in China since ancient times.

Despite the reference to the times of grey prehistory, the Behrens x Konstantin Chaykin Edition 2025, which is being released in a limited series of 100 pieces, is manufactured using the latest watchmaking technology and state-of-the-art materials. The case of the watch is made of textured grey-black carbon fiber composite with red spots, a lightweight and durable material widely used in the aerospace industry. The crystal that protects the dial is made of durable and virtually scratch-resistant synthetic sapphire crystal. Thanks to the curved box shape of the crystal and the anti-reflective coating applied from the inside, maximum visibility of the dial is guaranteed. The drive for the “loony” seconds hand, the most important technical calling card of this model, is located under the blackened bridge (the nose of the character).

## Behrens – a representative of a new wave of watch brands from China

The Behrens watch brand was founded in 2012 in Shenzhen, one of the fastest developing economic regions in China. The brand name “Behrens” was actually chosen as a sign of respect for the German architect Peter Behrens (1868-1940), the founder of industrial design. The choice of name seems to be no coincidence – the brand strives to implement creative concepts based on the principles of modern industrial design, i.e. a combination of artistic imagery, functionality and practicality. Behrens is representative of a new wave in the Chinese watch industry that, unlike most traditional brands, is targeting the luxury segment of the market, developing its own design and technical language that allows it to occupy a unique niche. Most of the models in the brand’s collection are inspired by space, futuristic, automotive and even cinematic themes, which allows it to create original designs that ultimately make up the brand’s unique style. Behrens’ price positioning is accordingly: the most affordable models are offered at prices starting at around \$2,000, while the flagship Kung Fu Platinum Edition model with manufacture movement and platinum case costs \$28,500.

Watch connoisseurs around the world first became aware of the brand in 2020, when it was nominated twice for the Grand Prix d’Horlogerie in Geneva with the Apolar and Rotary models.

One of the brand’s most coveted designs is a collaboration with Konstantin Chaykin – the Behrens x Konstantin Chaykin Ref. BHR028 trio. With this design, Behrens does not literally follow in the footsteps of the Russian watchmaker, but offers a unique interpretation of his wristmon design with the complication of a “loony” seconds hand developed by

Behrens, the tip of which runs through the smiling mouth of the face-dial. The series was launched in 2022 and quickly sold out. At auctions, the pieces often fetch significantly more than the official selling price of \$9,200.

Among the brand's most impressive technical developments, the ultra-light Ultra-Light 11G model, unveiled at the Time to Watches 2023 trade fair in Geneva, takes pride of place with an avant-garde, curved movement that is completely open on the dial side. The weight of this watch (without strap) is 11 grams – it is currently the lightest mechanical watch in the world.

## Behrens x Konstantin Chaykin Edition 2025

Limited edition of 99 pieces

### Technical specifications

Display module	Developed and manufactured by Behrens
Functions	Joker-indication display with disc hour and minute; “loony” seconds hand
Basic movement	Swiss made automatic Sellita SW200, with black-coated mainplate and bridges; black-coated rotor with Côtes circulaires pattern and radial brushing
Escapement	Lever escapement
Balance frequency	28,800 vibrations per hour
Power reserve	38 hours
Case	Manufactured of textured grey-black carbon fiber composite with red spots; sapphire exhibition caseback; winding crown in black-coated stainless steel
Case dimensions	Diameter 42 mm, thickness 14 mm
Watch glass	Domed sapphire crystal with internal anti-reflective coating
Dial finish	Brushed, chamfered, polished and black-coated parts; bottom plate in textured grey-black carbon fiber composite with red spots; luminescent coating on the hour and minute displays (eyes of the character)
Strap	Red synthetic fluorocarbon rubber strap with quick change system
Buckle	Behrens pin buckle in titanium