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Days of Wonder™ Announces Queen's Necklace™

Game of Royal Jewelers in the Queen's Court is a true "Romance of the Stones!"

Sausalito, CA; Paris, France – February 16, 2003 – Days of Wonder, Inc. announced today that it would publish *Queen's Necklace* – a new game from French authors, Bruno Faidutti and Bruno Cathala.

Queen's Necklace is a game for 2-4 players, who take on the roles of Royal Jewelers, vying to sell rare jewels to the Queen and her court Paris before the French Revolution. Beautifully illustrated cards represent the jewels and various characters inhabiting the court. Each player must best decide how to spend their hard-earned ducats: on the acquisition of beautiful gems – diamonds, emeralds, and rubies; or to buy the favors of the various court followers. After three years of craftsmanship, the jeweler who sells the most precious gems and builds the largest fortune will receive the coveted title of King's Jeweler and a place at the Court!

With Queen's Necklace, Days of Wonder continues its practice of combining unique game play with out-of-the-ordinary game components. The game includes 110 large-format cards, 5 gold rings and an actual "Queen's Necklace" that is fully integrated into the game play.

"Players will be excited by the quality of the card illustrations and the other game pieces of Queen's Necklace," said Eric Hautemont, President of Days of Wonder. "The game conveys a true sense of high fashion and style that is a perfect fit for members of a royal court."

Release Dates and Online Play

Queen's Necklace will be released in English, French and German editions in April 2003. Suggested retail price is US \$24.95. Additionally, Days of Wonder is developing *Queen's Necklace Online* – a web-based online version also available this Spring. Purchasers of Queen's Necklace will receive a *Days of Wonder Webcard* providing free access to Queen's Necklace Online, where they can play against other opponents, compete in tournaments, measure their online rank, and schedule online play with their friends. The website will also host online forums and interactive tutorials to help new players learn how to play.

About Days of Wonder

Days of Wonder, Inc. publishes high-quality, family-strategy board and card games in English, French and German that are easy to learn and fun to play. Days of Wonder is a privately held company with offices in Sausalito, CA, and Paris, France.