Ring
Place of origin: London (made)
Date: 2007 (made)
Artist/Maker: Shaun Leane (maker)
Materials and Techniques: 18 carat yellow gold and diamond
Credit Line: Given by Shaun Leane
Museum number: M.1-2015
Gallery location: Jewellery, Rooms 91, The William and Judith Bollinger Gallery, case 47

Public access description
Shaun Leane trained as a jeweller in London's Hatton Garden and worked for the English Traditional Jewellery company, learning traditional goldsmithing skills, making new jewellery and restoring older pieces. In 1993, he began to collaborate with the fashion designer Alexander McQueen to make show-stopping catwalk pieces such as those made for the 1995 'Highland Rape' collection. In 1999, he set up his own company and began trading as 'Shaun Leane Jewellery'. He has produced collections for Harvey Nichols and worked with Boucheron, De Beers, Bacardi and won 'Jewellery Designer of the Year' four times.

Shaun Leane has had a relationship with the V&A since the 2001 'Fashion in Motion' event in which his work was shown alongside Alexander McQueen. In an interview with 'Goldsmith and Jewellery Designer' magazine, he recalled that 'As a young teenager, I used to walk around the V&A as if it was my second home and still do; and now my work is there which is quite amazing!'. Shaun Leane was filmed making this ring for the V&A gallery to illustrate the stages in the manufacture of a diamond ring. He created the 'vine' ring, an elegant design which he describes as 'fashioned to perfection to represent the eternity of love and the unerring individuality of human commitment'.

Descriptive line
18ct yellow gold and diamond vine ring, designed and made by Shaun Leane, London, 2007

Physical description
18ct yellow gold and diamond (0.65ct) vine ring - formed of a gold hoop which widens to form an asymmetric setting for a brilliant cut diamond. The setting is open to the left hand side and the diamond is held in place by two gold claws.

Dimensions
Height: 8 mm, Depth: 23 mm, Width: 21 mm

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Object history note
This ring was made for the William and Judith Bollinger gallery but versions of it can be bought through Shaun Leane Jewellery as part of the 'Vine engagement set' which features an interlocking gold wedding ring.

URL
http://collections.vam.ac.uk/item/O141685/ring-shaun-leane/