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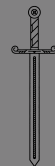
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IDOL HANDS

Watchmakers on the red carpet? Hardly, but we wondered which watchmakers our experts would consider their own superstars as we engage in a bit of horological idol-making.





Giulio Papi of Audemars-Piguet Renaud & Papi

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Giulio Papi of APRP was ahead of his time when – in the middle of the quartz watch era – he struck out on his own to create a company to specialize in the creation of grand complications. At just twenty-one-years old he joined forces with Dominic Renaud to start a complicated movement manufacture called Renaud & Papi. The rest is history.



Andreas Strehler, maker of the Sauterelle, pictured below.

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If I had to pick just one horological idol worthy of paparazzi-style flash-bulb frenzy, more typical of a Hollywood red carpet event, I would have to select the über-technical Andreas Strehler. In 2013, I was dazzled by the arrival of his drop-dead gorgeous Sauterelle watch with its curvaceous lines. This sublime timepiece features a *remontoir d'égalité* and shows much intelligence beneath its beguiling good looks.



Andreas Strehler's Sauterelle