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**IN CELEBRATION OF THE ESTEEMED COLLECTOR
MR. ROBERT CHANG'S 95TH BIRTHDAY**

**CHRISTIE'S IS PROUD TO PRESENT
AN IMPORTANT AND EXTREMELY RARE
BLUE AND WHITE "KUI DRAGON" JAR**

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE ROBERT CHANG
THE ROBERT CHANG ART AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION**



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The Extraordinary Life of Mr. Robert Chang**





An Important And Extremely Rare Blue And White 'KUI DRAGON' Jar
Xuande Six-Character Mark In Underglaze Blue Within A Double Circle And Of The Period (1426-1435)
7 1/4 in. (18.3 cm.) high

On his milestone 95th birthday and in recognition of Robert Chang's enduring legacy and contribution to the connoisseurship of Chinese art, Christie's is delighted to present **An Important and Extremely Rare Blue and White "KUI DRAGON" Jar**, to be offered in the **Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art** auction on 28 May, 2021.

Proceeds from the sale of the lot will benefit The Robert Chang Art and Education Foundation, a charitable organization for the education and promotion in the understanding of Chinese art.

What Makes This Jar Exceptionally Important?

- 🔔 **A Unique Design:** Decorated with an unusual 'kui dragon' which features a long snout, wings and a scrolling tail, the jar is inspired by the mythical creature Makara from Indian mythology, and is also sometimes referred to as 'xiangcao (sweet grass) dragon', possibly due to its scrolling grass-like tail.
- 🔔 **Exceptionally Rare:** There are very few surviving jars from the Xuande period decorated with kui dragons. One almost identical example is preserved in the Palace Museum, Beijing. The other is in the collection of the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge.
- 🔔 **Striking Colour:** The cobalt blue pigment on this jar is exceptionally vivid and brilliant, reminiscent of sapphire jewels. The potting is also of exquisite quality, resulting in the white clay body and elegant proportion.
- 🔔 **Strong Provenance:** Mr. Robert Chang acquired this piece at auction from Christie's London in 1988 for £30,000, and has remained in his collection ever since. It was exhibited at Christie's London in 1993.



Preview (By appointment only):

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Hong Kong | 20 – 27 May | Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, No. 1 Harbour Road, Wanchai

Auction: Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art

Date: 28 May 2021

Location: Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, No. 1 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

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