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***MAGNIFICENT AND IMPORTANT MASTERPIECES
FROM PRIVATE COLLECTIONS
WITH NOTABLE PROVENANCE***



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29 November

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THE PROPERTY OF A LADY
A Fine Magnificent Carved 'Dragon' Celadon-Glazed *Meiping*
 Qianlong Six-Character Seal Mark In Underglaze Blue
 And Of The Period (1736-1795)
 13 in. (33 cm.) high
 Estimate: HK\$50,000,000 – 80,000,000

Hong Kong - Christie's Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art Autumn Auctions in Hong Kong will take place on 29 November 2022, featuring two dedicated, single-owner sales: [Rich Golden Hues and Graceful Forms - Classical Chinese Furniture From The Tseng Collection](#); and **The Chang Wei-Hwa Collection of Archaic Jades - Qin and Han Dynasties**; as well as the highly anticipated **Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art** sale, which is led by **A Fine Magnificent Carved 'Dragon' Celadon-Glazed *Meiping*** (estimate: HK\$50,000,000 – 80,000,000; [image on cover and above](#)), and will also showcase an exceptional array of Important Chinese ceramics and works of Art from private collections across the globe with notable provenance .

The dedicated **Rich Golden Hues and Graceful Forms - Classical Chinese Furniture From The Tseng Collection** sale comprises 28 lots of exquisite Chinese *huanghuali* furniture. The collection has been amassed from some of the world's most esteemed furniture experts including Grace Wu Bruce, Peter Lai, Charles Wong and Nicholas Grindley. Highlight lots, such as **An Important And Extremely Rare Huanghuali Circular Incense Stand, *Xiangji*** and **A Magnificent Large Huanghuali Recessed Trestle-Leg Table, *Qiaotou'an***, have been exhibited at important museums around the world in the last 20 years (please click [HERE](#) for the dedicated press release).

Christie's will present part IV **The Chang Wei-Hwa Collection of Archaic Jades: The Qin and Han Periods** in this November. Covering 73 lots with dating spanning across the Qin (221-206 BC) to Han (206 BC – AD 220) Dynasties, key highlights include **An Exceedingly Rare And Exceptional Jade Carving Of A Mythical Beast, *Bixie*** (estimate: HK\$8,000,000 – 12,000,000) and **A Late White Jade Reticulated 'Phoenix' Plaque** (estimate: HK\$2,200,000 – 3,500,000). More to announce on 13 October 2022.

Leading the **Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art** sale this autumn is **A Fine Magnificent Carved 'Dragon' Celadon-Glazed *Meiping*** (estimate: HK\$50,000,000 – 70,000,000; [image on cover and above](#)). This beautiful *meiping*, hailing from an important Asian collection, was acquired from Christie's Hong Kong in 1996 and not seen in the open market ever since. The *meiping* combines a strong profile with a delicate pale celadon glaze and a design of powerful imperial five-clawed dragons amongst clouds and waves. The powerful five-clawed imperial dragon with horns was the symbol of the emperor, and appears in many forms on Chinese decorative arts.



PROPERTY FROM AN IMPORTANT PRIVATE COLLECTION

A Very Rare Pair Of Doucai Waterpots

Yongzheng Six-Character Marks in Underglaze Blue Within Double
Circles And Of The Period (1723-1735)
2 3/8 in. (6 cm.) diam., box
Estimate: HK\$12,000,000 – 15,000,000

Further highlights from numerous important private collections, include **A Very Rare Pair Of Doucai Waterpots** (image at the top) dating to the Yongzheng reign, with only four other examples appear to be recorded; a **Very Rare Early-Ming Blue And White Fruit Bowl** (image on the right) dating to the Xuande reign (1426-1435), a particularly fine example of classic blue and white porcelain with a prestigious provenance – it was once in the collection of the renowned Chinese collector Edward T. Chow (1910-1980); **An Imperial Tianhuang Rectangular Seal**, one of the two *Chuili* seals made during the Qianlong reign; **A Rare Pair Of Cloisonne Enamel 'Peacock' Censers** from the Qianlong Period (1736-1795); and **A Spinach-Green Jade Tripod Censer And Cover** from the Qing Dynasty, 18th century, which was once exhibited at the world-renowned Royal Academy of Arts in London in 1935. The Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art auction will also present 60 lots of 17th century porcelain from the world-renowned British collector and scholar, the Late Sir Michael Butler (1927 – 2013), under a single-owner section titled “**Gems of 17th century Porcelain from the Butler Family Collection**”. One of the featured lots include **A Rare And Large 'Master of the Rocks' Underglaze-Blue And Copper-Red-Decorated Dish** from the Kangxi Period.



THE PROPERTY OF A HONG KONG FAMILY COLLECTION

Very Rare Early-Ming Blue And White Fruit Bowl

Xuande Six Character Mark in Underglaze Blue
And Of The Period (1426-1435)
11 in. (27.9 cm.) diam.
Estimate: HK\$8,000,000 – 12,000,000

Marco Almeida, Head of Department, Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art, comments: “*This autumn, we are privileged to offer important, unique masterpieces from private collections with significant provenance in three sales, including two themed sales: **The Tseng Collection** featuring the finest and rarest quality huanghuali furniture from the late Ming dynasty; and **The Chang Wei-Hwa Collection of Archaic Jades** comprising exceptional quality and rarity of archaic jades from the Qin and Han Dynasties; and not to miss the magnificent celadon carved ‘Dragon’ meiping vase dating to the Qianlong period, to be presented in our **Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art** sale, alongside an extraordinary selection of ceramics and works of art ranging from Song ceramics, Ming and Qing Imperial porcelain, jade carvings, Buddhist art, scholarly objects, as well as zitan and huanghuali furniture. We are excited to welcome global collectors to our carefully curated sale series in the coming November, to enrich their collections with extraordinary and culturally important treasures.*”



An Imperial *Tianhuang* Rectangular Seal

Qianlong Period (1736 – 1795)

1 in. (4.4 cm.) high, 39g, bamboo box and cloth box

Estimate: HK\$2,000,000 – 3,000,000

A Rare Pair Of Cloisonne Enamel 'Peacock' Censers

Qianlong Period (1736-1795)

17 3/8 in. (44.1 cm.) long

Estimate: HK\$2,000,000 – 3,000,000



A Spinach-Green Jade Tripod Censer And Cover

Qing Dynasty, 18th Century

8 in. (20.5 cm.) across the handles

Estimate: HK\$1,500,000 – 2,000,000

PROPERTY FROM THE BUTLER FAMILY COLLECTION

A Rare And Large 'Master of the Rocks'

Underglaze-Blue And Copper-Red-Decorated Dish

Kangxi Period (1662 – 1722)

13 in. (33 cm.) diam.

Estimate: HK\$150,000 – 200,000



Preview (By appointment only):

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 Beijing | 7 – 8 November | Christie's Beijing Art Space, No. 82 Jinbao Street, Dong Cheng District, Beijing
 Shanghai | 11 -13 November | BUND ONE, 4/F, No.1 Zhongshan Dong Yi Road, Shanghai
 Hong Kong | 26 – 29 May | Convention Hall, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, No.1 Harbour Road, Wanchai

Auction:**Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art**

Date: 29 November 2022

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

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