

CHRISTIE'S HONG KONG SPRING AUCTIONS 2014 AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS AND ART PROGRAMMES

Hong Kong – Christie's Hong Kong will hold its 2014 Hong Kong Spring Auctions from May 24 to 28 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. From April, activities and events will take place throughout the season. Highlights from the auctions will tour six cities in Asia and five private sales exhibitions will also be organized. In addition, Christie's Art Forums will be held and two short courses will be available through Christie's Education Hong Kong.

SPRING AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Asian 20th Century & Contemporary Art

Christie's will present **Asian 20th Century & Contemporary Art** in three auctions featuring over 600 lots. This May, we extend further the core values of last season's theme "The Era of Asia, The Art of Asia". By combining exceptional works of art from different periods and regions, the world will see the true beauty and versatility of Asian art. In the evening sale, *Potted Chrysanthemums* (illustrated right) from an important private collection, painted by Sanyu 70 years ago, will be offered for the very first time at auction. Another highlight is *Eagles* by Xu Beihong, which belongs to Li Shizeng's family collection. Li is one of the most influential figures in Chinese modern history, initiating the "Work-Study" movement. *Eagles* can be interpreted as a depiction of the revival of revolutionary China during the 20th century, and is also a work of art filled with the spirit of humanity. Further highlights include Chu Teh-chun's abstract ink painting *No. 229*, exemplifying the "East Meets West" concept, and a comprehensive collection of work by Zao Wou-ki.



For contemporary art, we will present works by Liu Wei, whose paintings describe the naked desire of human beings, as well as exceptional works by Zeng Fanzhi and Lee Ufan. Colorful masterpieces from Southeast Asian artists such as Le Mayer and Affandi will also be presented.

Chinese Classical & Modern Paintings



Christie's **Fine Chinese Classical Paintings and Calligraphy** sale and **Fine Chinese Modern Paintings** sale will feature more than 750 works from the classical and modern masters. One of the highlights of the season will be the continuing sale of more than 150 important Chinese paintings which were formerly in the collection of Dr. K. S. Lo, the founder of Vitasoy and a prominent Chinese antiques collector. Works from the collection include *Pine and Rock* by Shitao, *Cows Grazing* by Xu Beihong and *Fish* by Huang Yongyu. For Classical paintings, we are proud to offer a rare work from the Qing master, Bada Shanren, *Landscape*, as well as an exquisite hanging scroll, *Two Ladies*, by the renowned figure painter Chen Hongshou. With regard to Modern paintings, we have been entrusted with important works by the modern master, Wu Guanzhong, including *Bamboos* (illustrated left), *Banyan and the Sea*, *Weeds in a Pond* and *A Village of Bridges*. In addition, *Lady* by Zhang Daqian stands out for its incomparable beauty and elegance, and *Lake of Five Pavilions* by the same master exemplifies the grandeur and re-interpretation of Chinese landscape painting, testifying to the genius and evolution of the artist's career. Other highlights of both Classical and Modern Paintings sales include *Calligraphy* by Jin Nong, *Going to School* by Qi Baishi and *A Hundred Monkeys* by Pu Ru.

Chinese Ceramics & Works of Art

An eclectic selection of Chinese ceramics and works of art of superb quality will be presented as well. **Imperial Chinese Treasures from a Distinguished American Collection** offers connoisseurs some of the finest and rarest Ming and Qing dynasty porcelain and glass pieces, including an exquisite Kangxi yellow-ground *falangcai* bowl. **Through Connoisseurs' Eyes – Works of Art from the Imperial Palace** brings together an exciting group of works of art sourced and curated in collaboration with two well-known connoisseurs in the field of Chinese art, including a dazzling Qianlong gilt-bronze vase inlaid with multi-coloured paste glass. **An Imperial Favourite – The Yongzheng Emperor's Dragon Zun** (*illustrated right*) is a single-lot sale presenting an extremely important and rare archaistic bronze vessel, which was illustrated in scroll 6 of the *Guan Tu*, 'Scroll of Ancient Playthings', a visual document of antiquities treasured by the Yongzheng Emperor. Christie's is also presenting a select group of rare art works of the Song dynasty, the epitome of refined aesthetics, in **The Sound of Jade and the Shadow of a Chrysanthemum – Works of Art from the Song Dynasty**. One of the impeccable pieces in the sale is a unique Southern Song chrysanthemum-shaped *Guan* dish, formerly in the Mrs. Alfred Clark Collection, and covered in a sublime bluish-grey glaze. A breathtaking piece from **The Imperial Sale** is a magnificent and rare pair of Imperial painted enamel *gu*-shaped vases, Yongzheng mark and period, exquisitely painted in delicate pastel colours, representing a true feat of 18th century ingenuity. Another highlight is a group of nine **Imperial Textiles from the Collection of an American Gentleman**, which includes some of the most magnificent examples to come to the market, such as an extremely rare *longgna* (surcoat) adorned with five-clawed dragon roundels, a remarkable piece from the Qianlong period.



Jewellery



The **Jewellery** auction will feature a colourful spectrum of gemstones and will consist of over 300 lots totaling HK\$800 million. Leading the sale is an array of rare coloured diamonds, such as a fancy orangy pink, fancy deep pink, fancy intense blue, fancy green-blue, fancy intense green, fancy deep yellow-green, fancy violet grey and a fancy vivid yellow diamond among other dazzling stones. With a history of record breaking pink diamonds (*The Vivid Pink*, *The Perfect Pink* and *The Martian Pink*), Christie's Hong Kong Magnificent Jewels this May will feature an important 9.38 carats pear-shaped fancy intense pink diamond (*illustrated left*), once again affirming its title 'Queen of Pink Diamonds'. Additional exceptional pieces include a rare Golconda diamond pendent necklace named "The Eye of Golconda." With the centerpiece weighing a stunning 40.05 carats, this will be the largest Golconda diamond ever to be auctioned in Asia. A number of D colour Flawless clarity Type IIa diamonds as well as two highly-esteemed jadeite jewels by Chow Tai Fook will capture the hearts of jewellery connoisseurs this season. Completing the sale is a range of vividly saturated Burmese rubies and sapphires, Colombian emeralds and exclusive vintage pieces from Bulgari, Harry Winston and Van Cleef & Arpels.

Watches

The **Watch** auction this season will feature a superb array of watches of the finest caliber. Christie's will curate an auction that presents the finest minute repeating, perpetual calendar, tourbillon and split seconds wristwatches from the world's leading blue chip brands to the cutting edge creations of the globe's foremost independent makers. A number of notable pocket watches featuring tourbillon and automata mechanisms highlight the auction together with some of the most lavishly jeweled watches ever manufactured. Highlights include an extremely rare pistol (*illustrated right*).



Wines



Christie's is proud to have been entrusted with selling part of the impressive wine collection of Sir Alex Ferguson CBE, the most successful manager in British football history. The collection includes a remarkable range of fine and rare wines featuring Domaine de la Romanée-Conti Burgundies and many Finest First Growth Bordeaux ranging from the 1986 to 2011 vintages.

In the various-owner sale, an exceptional collection of wines from Jean-Claude Biver, famous from his successful career with Blancpain and Hublot in the luxury watch industry, will be featured. We will present another collection featuring exceptional Burgundy from Nicolas Potel and Maison Roche de Bellene. We are

also delighted to be offering a selection of Spain's legendary Vega Sicilia Unico including very rare 1921 and 1922 vintages (*illustrated above*) that were reconditioned at Bodegas Vega Sicilia in February 2013. The collection will be divided between New York and Hong Kong as we will also be offering other wines from the same collection on 16 May in New York, including a rare vertical.

CHRISTIE'S PRIVATE SALES

As a response to market demands, Christie's Private Sales have been providing buyers and sellers with a confidential and flexible approach to their sales and purchases. This season, five categories will be presented in Asia through this channel, featuring Chinese Contemporary Ink paintings, Impressionist & Modern Art, Jewellery, Old Masters paintings and Post-War & Contemporary Art.

CHRISTIE'S ART FORUM

Christie's Art Forum was launched with the goal of stimulating industry discussion and of promoting art appreciation in an interactive setting. This spring, the initiative will be taken further with panel discussions on various art categories, featuring views from artists and experts in the relevant fields.

CHRISTIE'S EDUCATION

Christie's Education Hong Kong will present two short courses in May, during the week of Christie's Hong Kong Spring Auctions 2014. Titled *Fine Jewels* and *Post-War Art: An Essential Guide* respectively, these hands-on learning courses, will be given by Christie's specialists and guest speakers in both English and Putonghua. These education programmes are part of Christie's continuing effort to promote art appreciation and provide the general public with access to art education. ([Click here](#) to know more about Christie's Education Hong Kong Short Courses)

CHRISTIE'S HONG KONG SPRING AUCTIONS 2014

Asia Tour: April 18 – May 11

Hong Kong Preview Exhibition: May 22 – 27

Auctions: May 24 – 28

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About Christie's

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CHRISTIE'S HONG KONG SPRING AUCTIONS 2014 FACTSHEET

ASIA TOURING SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	VENUE	CATEGORIES
APRIL 18 – 19	BEIJING	China World Summit Wing	Asian 20 th Century and Contemporary Art, Chinese Classical & Modern Paintings, Chinese Ceramics & Works of Art, Jewellery and Watches
APRIL 24 – 26	SHANGHAI	Jing An Shangri-La Hotel	Asian 20 th Century and Contemporary Art, Chinese Classical & Modern Paintings, Chinese Ceramics & Works of Art, Jewellery and Watches
APRIL 25 – 27	JAKARTA	Ritz Carlton Pacific Place	Asian 20 th Century and Contemporary Art
APRIL 29 – 30	TOKYO	Christie's Japan office	Chinese Classical & Modern Paintings, Jewellery and Watches
MAY 3 – 4	SINGAPORE	Shangri-La Hotel	Asian 20 th Century and Contemporary Art, Chinese Classical & Modern Paintings, Jewellery and Watches
MAY 10 – 11	TAIPEI	Fubon International Convention Center	Asian 20 th Century and Contemporary Art, Chinese Classical & Modern Paintings, Chinese Ceramics & Works of Art, Jewellery and Watches

HONG KONG PREVIEW EXHIBITION

DATE	LOCATION	VENUE
MAY 22 – 27	HONG KONG	Convention Hall, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

CHRISTIE'S HONG KONG SPRING AUCTIONS 2014

DATE	AUCTIONS
MAY 24 SATURDAY	Fine & Rare Wines from The Collection of Sir Alex Ferguson CBE
	Wine
	Asian 20 th Century & Contemporary Art (Evening Sale)
MAY 25 SUNDAY	Asian 20 th Century Art (Day Sale)
	Wine
	Asian Contemporary Art (Day Sale)
MAY 26 MONDAY	Chinese Classical Paintings and Calligraphy
	Chinese Modern Paintings, Part I
MAY 27 TUESDAY	Chinese Modern Paintings, Part II
	Jewels
MAY 28 WEDNESDAY	Watches
	Imperial Chinese Treasures from a Distinguished American Collection
	Through Connoisseurs' eyes – Works of Art from the Imperial Palace
	An Imperial Favourite – The Yongzheng Emperor's Dragon <i>Zun</i>
	The Sound of Jade and the Shadow of a Chrysanthemum – Works of Art from the Song Dynasty
	The Imperial Sale – Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art

***All the schedules above are subject to change.**

SELECTED AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

WINE

Fine & Rare Wines from The Collection of Sir Alex Ferguson CBE - Saturday, 24 May
Wine - Saturday, 24 May and Sunday, 25 May



WINE_1



WINE_3

Château d'Yquem 1811
1 Bottle

Estimate: HK\$400,000 – 600,000

Maison Roche de Bellene, Clos de la Roche 2010
24 Bottles

Estimate: HK\$22,000 – 28,000



WINE_4



WINE_2

Pétrus 1989
12 Bottles

Estimate: HK\$320,000 – 450,000

Vega Sicilia Unico 1921
6 Bottles

Estimate: HK\$95,000 – 140,000

ASIAN 20TH CENTURY & CONTEMPORARY ART

Asian 20th Century and Contemporary Art (Evening Sale) - Saturday, 24 May

Asian 20th Century Art (Day Sale) - Sunday, 25 May

Asian Contemporary Art (Day Sale) - Sunday, 25 May



ACA_1



ACA_2



ACA_3

XU BEIHONG
(Chinese, 1895-1953)
Eagle

oil on canvas

Painted circa later 1930s to early 1940s
88 x 88 cm. (34 5/8 x 34 5/8 in.)

Estimate: HK\$16,000,000 – 20,000,000

SANYU
(CHANG YU, Chinese, 1901-1966)
Potted Chrysanthemums

oil on masonite

91.5 x 48 cm. (36 x 18 7/8 in.)

Estimate: HK\$18,000,000 – 22,000,000

WU GUANZHONG
(Chinese, 1919-2010)
The Wuyi Mountains

oil on board

Painted in 1977

62 x 50 cm. (24 3/8 x 19 5/8 in.)

Estimate: HK\$8,000,000 – 12,000,000



ACA_4



ACA_5



ACA_6

LIU WEI
(Chinese, B.1965)
I Love Nature

oil on canvas

Painted in late 1990s

154 x 123 cm. (60 5/8 x 48 3/8 in.)

Estimate: HK\$5,500,000 – 8,000,000

I NYOMAN MASRIADI
(Indonesian, B.1973)
Man from Bantul

acrylic on canvas

Painted in 2000

200 x 300 cm. (78 3/4 x 118 1/4 in.)

Estimate: HK\$2,200,000 – 3,000,000

ZHANG XIAOGANG
(Chinese, B.1958)
Dormant Head and Guardians

oil on cardboard

Painted in 1989

100 x 75 cm. (39 1/4 x 29 1/2 in.)

Estimate: HK\$5,000,000 – 8,000,000

CHINESE PAINTINGS

Fine Chinese Classical Paintings and Calligraphy - Monday, 26 May

Fine Chinese Modern Paintings, Part I - Monday, 26 May

Fine Chinese Modern Paintings, Part II - Tuesday, 27 May



CHA_3

BADA SHANREN (1626-1705)

Landscape

Hanging scroll, ink on satin
180 x 48 cm. (70 7/8 x 18 7/8 in.)

Estimate: HK\$3,000,000 – 5,000,000



CHA_4

PROPERTY FORMERLY IN THE COLLECTION OF DR K S LO

SHITAO (1642-1707)

Pine and Rock

Handscroll, ink on paper
32.5 x 383 cm. (11 3/4 x 150 3/4 in.)
Dated 1699

Estimate: HK\$5,000,000 – 7,000,000



CHA_1



CHA_2

WU GUANZHONG (1919 – 2010)

Bamboos

Scroll, mounted and framed, ink and colour on paper
138.5 x 175 cm. (54 1/2 x 68 7/8 in.)
Dated 1996

Estimate: HK\$12,000,000 – 15,000,000

PROPERTY FORMERLY IN THE COLLECTION OF DR K S LO

XU BEIHONG (1895 – 1953)

Cows Grazing

Hanging scroll, ink and colour on paper
114.5 x 56 cm. (45 1/8 x 22 in.)

Estimate: HK\$4,000,000 – 6,000,000

JEWELS

Tuesday, 27 May



JLS_1

A 9.38 carats fancy intense pink pear-shaped diamond and diamond ring

Estimate: HK\$45,000,000-65,000,000



JLS_2

A suite of pigeon's blood ruby and diamond jewellery, by James W. Currens for Faidee

Estimate: HK\$32,000,000-50,000,000



JLS_3

A jadeite cabochon and diamond ring

Estimate: HK\$3,800,000 - 5,800,000



JLS_4

26 carats colourless diamonds

Estimate: HK\$32,000,000 each

WATCHES

Wednesday, 28 May



WTC_1

Swiss. An extremely rare, important and fine gold, enamel and pearl-set flintlock pistol-form perfume sprinkler with concealed watch and original fitted box, made for the Chinese market, circa 1805

Estimate: HK\$4,500,000-6,500,000



WTC_2

Patek Philippe. An extremely fine and rare 18k pink gold minute repeating tourbillon wristwatch with enamel dial, ref. 5339, circa 2011

Estimate: HK\$3,200,000-5,000,000



WTC_3

Patek Philippe. A very rare and impressive 18k white gold, enamel and diamond-set bracelet watch, Nautilus Dragon model, ref. 5720, circa 2012

Estimate: HK\$2,400,000-4,000,000

CHINESE CERAMICS AND WORKS OF ART

Imperial Chinese Treasures from a Distinguished American Collection

Through Connoisseurs' eyes – Works of Art from the Imperial Palace

An Imperial Favourite – The Yongzheng Emperor's Dragon Zun

The Sound of Jade and the Shadow of a Chrysanthemum – Works of Art from the Song Dynasty

The Imperial Sale – Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art

Wednesday, 28 May

 WOA_2	 WOA_6	 WOA_5
A Remarkable And Extremely Rare Imperial Midnight-Blue Surcoat With Dragon Roundels, Longgua <i>Qianlong Period (1736-1795)</i> 58 1/2 in. (148.6 cm.) long Estimate: HK\$2,800,000–3,500,000	A Very Rare Imperial Yellow-Ground Falangcai 'Floral' Bowl <i>Kangxi Pink-Enamelled Four-Character Yuzhi Mark Within Double Squares And Of The Period (1662-1722)</i> 5 5/8 in. (14.2 cm.) diam. Estimate: HK\$12,000,000-18,000,000	An Important Imperial Archaistic Bronze 'Dragon' Zun <i>Kangxi Period (1662-1722)</i> 12 1/8 in. (30.8 cm.) high Estimate On Request
 WOA_1	 WOA_4	 WOA_3
A Magnificent And Extremely Rare Pair Of Painted Enamel Gu-Shaped Vases <i>Yongzheng Blue-Enamelled Four-Character Marks In A Line And Of The Period (1723-1735)</i> 19 1/2 in. (49.5 cm.) high Estimate On Request	A Magnificent And Rare Imperial Paste-Inset Gilt-Bronze Vase And Cover <i>Qianlong Period (1736-1795)</i> 12 3/4 in. (32.4 cm.) high Estimate: HK\$5,000,000-7,000,000	An Important And Extremely Rare Guan Chrysanthemum-Shaped Dish <i>Southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279)</i> 7 1/8 in. (18 cm.) wide Estimate On Request

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