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CHRISTIE'S FIRST INTERNET EXCLUSIVE SALE OF JAPANESE ART NOW OPEN FOR BIDDING

New York - Christie's is pleased to announce the launch of an internet-exclusive sale for Japanese works of art in June, the first online opportunity for the collecting category. ***Japanese Art: Meiji Period Magnificence*** will run from June 10-24, offering 91 works from the Meiji period (1868-1912). The art of this period reflects the flowering of the Japanese traditional crafts on the international scene, against the background of an intense national pride in the Meiji Constitution and the adoption of Western styles and fashions. The works on offer include finely-crafted cloisonné, metal work, lacquer, and ceramics among others. While reflecting the traditional subjects, forms, and techniques of Japan, they represent a new era for this nation and its developing relationship with the west.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SALE

Lot 24
A large inlaid-iron dish
signed *Kyoto ju Komai sei*
Starting bid $45,000

Lot 68
A cloisonné enamel tray
sealed *Sakigake*
Starting bid $20,000

Lot 1
A small mixed-metal-inlaid bronze jar
signed *Tofu Uguisudani Hoen kinsen*
Starting bid $8,000

Lot 28
An impressive parcel-gilt bronze
ornament signed *Miyao seizo*
Starting bid $30,000

Lot 60
A cloisonné enamel jar and cover
signed *Kyoto Namikawa*
Starting bid $10,000

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