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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS AS JEWELRY AUCTION MARKET LEADERS
1994 - 2014



A SUPERB DIAMOND NECKLACE
HIGHLIGHTS

IMPORTANT JEWELS

AT CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK

OCTOBER 22

INCLUDING

BRILLIANT JEWELS

AN ONLINE-ONLY JEWELRY AUCTION

OCTOBER 14 – 28

NEW YORK – Christie's New York announces highlights of its upcoming *Important Jewels* auction on October 22. With 350 jewels on offer, the sale features an array of colored and colorless diamonds, rare gemstones, and signed jewels – led by a magnificent rectangular-cut potentially *internally flawless* diamond pendant necklace of 81.38 carats (*illustrated above*; estimate: \$2,800,000 – 3,500,000). Estimates range from \$3,000 up to \$4 million, and the total sale is expected to achieve in excess of \$30 million.

In the first half of 2014, Christie's International Jewelry department achieved their highest ever half-year result at US\$362 million and established 8 new world auction records. The May 14 *Magnificent Jewels* auction at Christie's Geneva saw the highest total ever achieved for a jewelry auction at US\$154 million that included the record-breaking **WINSTON BLUE** diamond (US\$23.8 million), which set a new world auction record price per carat for a blue diamond at US\$1.8 million per carat.

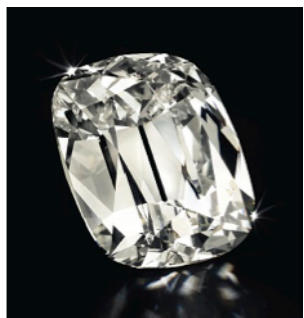
RAHUL KADAKIA, INTERNATIONAL HEAD OF CHRISTIE'S JEWELRY, commented: "*We are excited to begin our fall jewelry season with this promising sale of Important Jewels on October 22 at Christie's New York. From an impressive cushion shaped diamond of over 100 carats to a chic multi-strand moonstone bead necklace, by Tiffany & Co., the sale has a jewel for everyone. We look forward to seeing collectors back in our saleroom in New York and then Geneva, Hong Kong, Paris, and London as the season progresses.*"



MEGA DIAMONDS

COLORLED AND COLORLESS DIAMOND HIGHLIGHTS

In 2014, colored and colorless diamonds have soared above estimates across Christie's New York, Geneva, and Hong Kong salerooms. On October 22, Christie's New York will keep with the ever-increasing collector demand for investment quality diamonds, featuring an excellent selection of stones in a variety of cuts and colors.



A CUSHION-CUT L-COLOR
DIAMOND OF 101.36 CARATS
ESTIMATE: \$4.250.000 – 6.250.000



A PEAR-SHAPED FANCY INTENSE
GREEN DIAMOND OF 3.51 CARATS
ESTIMATE: \$800.000 – 1.200.000



A SQUARE-CUT H-COLOR DIAMOND
PENDANT OF 18.38 CARATS
ESTIMATE: \$700.000 – 900.000



A CUSHION-CUT FANCY INTENSE
YELLOW DIAMOND OF 36.09 CARATS
ESTIMATE: \$800,000 – 1,000,000



A RECTANGULAR-CUT D-COLOR INTERNALLY
FLAWLESS DIAMOND OF 10.03 CARATS
ESTIMATE: \$800,000 – 1,000,000



A PEAR-SHAPED FANCY BROWN-PINK
DIAMOND OF 9.73 CARATS
ESTIMATE: \$480,000 – 700,000

TOP SIGNED JEWELS

CARTIER AND VAN CLEEF & ARPELS

Great design is the core of what makes classic jewelry hold its value over the long term, and Christie's is proud to present the best and most iconic examples from the major jewelry houses in each one of its auctions this fall. In New York, Christie's presents over 130 signed jewels highlighted by signature examples from *Cartier* and *Van Cleef & Arpels*.



A DIAMOND, EMERALD, AND ONYX
PARROT RING, BY CARTIER
ESTIMATE: \$50.000 – 70.000



AN EMERALD, DIAMOND, AND
ONYX PANTHER RING, BY CARTIER
ESTIMATE: \$50.000 – 70.000



A RETRO AQUAMARINE AND GOLD "LUDO
HEXAGONE" BRACELET, BY VAN CLEEF & ARPELS
ESTIMATE: \$40.000 – 60.000

IMPORTANT PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

PROPERTY FROM THE COLLECTION OF LAURA THORN



Laura Thorn, a great granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was born June 3, 1954 in New York City to William Kelly Simpson and the late Marilyn Milton Simpson. A horsewoman, she was the owner of Thornbrook Farms in Bedford Mills. She was a longtime animal rights advocate and conservationist. Her professional experience included many different areas in the equine industry. She was involved in the management and development of an important equine breeding program. Her experience covered a broad range of business undertakings, including the implementation of state-of-the-art embryo transfer based production of Warmblood performance horses and the development of new equine technologies.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COLLECTION OF LAURA THORN INCLUDE:



A GOLD BRACELET, BY TIFFANY & CO.
ESTIMATE: \$4,000 – 6,000



A DIAMOND AND CULTURED PEARL
NECKLACE, BY VAN CLEEF & ARPELS
ESTIMATE: \$30,000 – 50,000



A RUBY, DIAMOND, AND GOLD
BRACELET, BY VAN CLEEF & ARPELS
ESTIMATE: \$15,000 – 20,000

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About Christie's

Christie's, the world's leading art business, had global auction and private sales in the first half of 2013 that totaled £2.4 billion/ \$3.68 billion. In 2012, Christie's had global auction and private sales that totaled £3.92 billion/\$6.27 billion making it the highest annual total in Christie's history. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service and expertise, as well as international glamour. Founded in 1766 by James Christie, Christie's has since conducted the greatest and most celebrated auctions through the centuries providing a popular showcase for the unique and the beautiful. Christie's offers over 450 auctions annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewellery, photographs, collectibles, wine, and more. Prices range from \$200 to over \$100 million. Christie's also has a long and successful history conducting private sales for its clients in all categories, with emphasis on Post-War and Contemporary, Impressionist and Modern, Old Masters and Jewellery. Private sales totaled £465.2 million (\$711.8 million) in the first half of 2013, an increase of 13% on the previous year, and for the third successive year represents the highest total for the period in both company and art market history. Christie's has a global presence with 53 offices in 32 countries and 12 salerooms around the world including in London, New York, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Amsterdam, Dubai, Zürich, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Mumbai. More recently, Christie's has led the market with expanded initiatives in growth markets such as Russia, China, India and the United Arab Emirates, with successful sales and exhibitions in Beijing, Mumbai and Dubai.

*Estimates do not include buyer's premium. Sales totals are hammer price plus buyer's premium and do not reflect costs, financing fees or application of buyer's or seller's credits.

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