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**RARE DIAMONDS AND GEMSTONES FROM NOTABLE ESTATES  
FEATURE AT CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK**

**Jewels ~ The New York Sale  
16 April 2008**

**New York** — Continuing to lead the jewelry auction market, *The New York Sale* at Christie's on April 16, will feature an exceptional selection of rare colored gemstones, magnificent diamonds and superb jewels. With numerous important American estates including the Collection of Danielle Steel, Christie's will present a treasure trove of jewels this spring season.

**Property from American Estates**



A number of stunning pieces are offered on behalf of important estates. Leading the notable selection of gemstones is a spectacular rectangular-cut D color, potentially flawless diamond ring of 27.91 carats (estimate: \$2,000,000-3,000,000) by Harry Winston. Accompanying the ring is an identical copy using simulated diamonds also mounted, surprisingly, by Winston, a testament to the collector's ambitious dedication to excellence. Another impressive gem is a pear shaped, D color, potentially flawless diamond ring of 21.90cts (estimate: \$2,000,000 – 3,000,000) that has also been mounted by Harry Winston. A superbly faceted rectangular-cut D color, internally flawless diamond of 18.44cts (estimate: \$1,620,000 – 2,200,000) completes the staggering selection of colorless diamonds from these estates.



For the colored diamond enthusiast, a stunning fancy intense yellow rectangular-cut diamond of 40.39 carats (estimate: \$500,000-700,000) mounted by Bulgari and also an impressive pair of fancy yellow diamonds of 29.08 and 28.19 carats (estimate: \$800,000 – 1,200,000) offer the perfect opportunity to create a sensational ensemble.

From the House of Bulgari a daisy flower brooch (estimate: \$60,000-80,000) bursting with color, vibrancy and life and set with the highest quality yellow diamonds, emerald and sapphires is sculpted into a dynamic and multi-dimensional design. The striking bombé pistil extending curling and tapering petals creates an overall masterpiece. Regal yet playful is a yellow diamond leopard brooch by Verdura (estimate: \$15,000-20,000), with sly emerald eyes and bespeckled with black onyx spots. Adorned with a ruby and diamond crown and an emerald and ruby neckchain, these embellishments are befitting for a “Great Cat”.



### Collection of Danielle Steel



Also featured is a fine collection of jewelry from the collection of Danielle Steel, one of the most popular and best-selling authors writing today. Also known for her stylish persona with a flare for elegance and style, she has assembled a collection of unique pieces, including a diamond and black coral owl brooch, by Van Cleef & Arpels (estimate: 15,000–25,000) and a pair of sapphire and diamond “Trumpet Flower” ear clips, by Jean Schlumberger, Tiffany & Co. (estimate: \$18,000–22,000).

### Rare Diamonds



An impressive pair of pear-shaped D-color, internally flawless diamonds of 4.56 and 5.06 carats are even more desirable for their Type IIa classification, the most chemically pure type of diamond with exceptional optical transparency (estimate: \$750,000–1,000,000). A diamond *Riviere* necklace with fifty-four graduated circular-cut diamonds totaling 76.41 carats is another sophisticated highlight (estimate: \$500,000-700,000). A versatile design by Carvin French is a rectangular-cut D color, internally flawless diamond ring of 16.89 carats, flanked by two heart-shaped diamonds, that may be worn as either a brooch or pendant (estimate: \$1,100,000-1,800,000).

### Signed Pieces from the Masters of Jewelry Design

From the quintessential American jeweler David Webb, a ruby and cultured pearl necklace commissioned by Doris Duke (estimate: \$80,000-120,000), is a wonderfully striking jewel for collectors. Known for his strong designs and popularity amongst celebrity clientele, this necklace is made of 14 cultured pearls and 1,136 rubies. From the House of Winston, the sale offers a pair of cultured pearl and diamond ear pendants designed as a marquise and pear-shaped diamond cluster with interchangeable black or white cultured pearl drops and pavé-set diamond cap (estimate: \$200,000-300,000). Tiffany & Co. is represented by an extremely fine Colombian emerald and diamond ring of 7.86 carats (estimate: \$250,000-350,000).



**Auction: *Jewels ~ The New York Sale***

April 16 at 10:00am and 2:00pm

**Viewing:** Christie's Rockefeller Galleries

April 11 - 15

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