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OH LA LA! C'EST COUTURE!

Christie's Offers The First Multi-Owner Selection Of Vintage Couture In New York



Yves Saint Laurent for Dior evening dress, 1958
\$1,000-1500



Versace Couture black and gold beaded jacket, Spring/Summer 1992
\$1,500-2,500



Thierry Mugler pink satin 'heart' cocktail dress, early 1990s
\$300-400

INTERIORS

July 2 at 2pm

New York - Christie's New York kicks off the summer season in high-gear with a selection of high-fashion vintage couture pieces to be sold in the *Interiors* July 1-2 sale.

The sale includes a special tribute to the late legendary French fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent with an offering of clothing and jewels spanning nearly every decade of Saint Laurent's career, from a 1958 Yves Saint Laurent for Dior cocktail dress, to a trademark Jackie-O favored YSL Rive Gauche camel cable knit and fox fur trim sweater from the 1970s, to a floral-form necklace of goldtone metal, resin and rhinestones shown for the Spring/Summer 1990 collections.

Additionally, a roster of fashion's A-list names feature pieces by Christian Lacroix, Thierry Mugler, Balenciaga, Mainbocher, and the iconic Gianni Versace, with the latter couturier's acclaimed 'Prima Ballerina' jacket of pink moiré and beads from the Spring/Summer 1992 collection – a show-stopper of the sale. Other fun and fabulous warm-weather wears are a lime green 1960s two-piece dress by Courrèges and a late 1970s funky metal matching set of choker and ear-clips by Paco Rabanne, while a Chanel crystal sautoir, an Hermès alligator mini Kelly bag, and four flamboyant eveningwear specialties from Italian designer Roberto Capucci, finish off the group with the perfect touch of elegance.

Highlights include:

- Yves Saint Laurent for Dior evening dress, 1958 (estimate: \$1,000-1,500)
- Yves Saint Laurent cut-out floral necklace, Spring/Summer 1990 (estimate: \$1,000-1,500)
- Versace Couture 'Prima Ballerina' jacket, Spring/Summer 1992 (estimate: \$3,000-5,000)
- Roberto Capucci Roma cocktail dress (estimate: \$400-600)
- Paco Rabanne metal and beaded choker and ear-clips, late 1970s (estimate: \$1,200-1,800)
- Thierry Mugler pink satin 'heart' cocktail dress, early 1990s (estimate: \$300-400)
- Hermes crocodile 'sac cordeliere' handbag, 1961 (estimate: \$2,000-3,000)
- Hermes alligator mini kelly bag (estimate: \$4,000-6,000)
- Roberto Capucci red silk 'petal' applique two-piece ensemble (estimate: \$500-700)
- Versace Couture black and gold beaded jacket, Spring/Summer 1992 (estimate: \$1,500-2,500)



Yves Saint
Laurent cut-out
floral necklace,
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Hermes alligator
mini Kelly bag
\$4,000-6000

Auction: *Interiors*
* *Couture selection*
Viewing: Christie's 20 Rockefeller Galleries

July 1 – 2
July 2 at 2:00pm
June 27 – June 30



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