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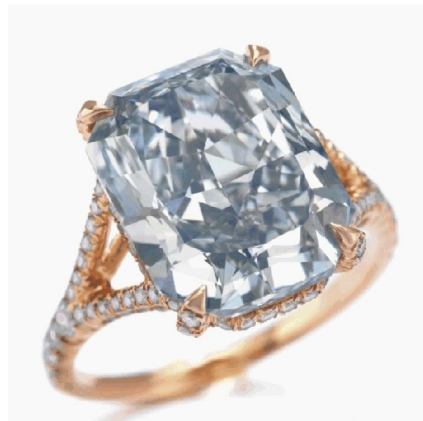
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**IMPORTANT COLORED DIAMONDS, GEMSTONES, AND  
SIGNED CREATIONS HIGHLIGHT DECEMBER 10 JEWELS SALES  
AT CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK**

***NEW YORK JEWELS  
AND  
MAGNIFICENT JEWELS FROM A DISTINGUISHED PRIVATE COLLECTOR***



*Sapphire and Diamond Ear Pendants*  
27.46 and 29.50 cts  
Estimate: \$150,000-250,000



*A Magnificent Colored Diamond Ring*  
7.02 ct Fancy Intense Blue Diamond  
Estimate: \$2-3 million



*A Trio of Gold Cuff Bangles*  
By Buccellati  
Estimates range: \$8,000-50,000

**New York** – With the holiday season fast approaching, Christie's is delighted to present two sales of exceptional jewels on December 10, featuring over 180 items suited to every gift-giving need. From rare and important diamonds and gemstones, to signed and period jewels, the sales feature elegant designs by Buccellati, Boucheron, Daniel Brush, BVLGARI, Cartier, Van Cleef & Arpels, David Webb, and Tiffany & Co., among others. The day begins with *New York Jewels*, a selection of superb jewels, watches, clocks, and unique creations for both women and men, in prices ranging from \$1,000 to \$2 million. Immediately following the sale will be *Magnificent Jewels from a Distinguished Private Collector*, a special single-owner collection of ten superb jewels, including the rare and important Evening Star Diamond. The combined sales are expected to realize in excess of \$15 million.

## The Evening Star Diamond

Leading the sale of *Magnificent Jewels from a Distinguished Private Collector* is the day's top lot: the **Evening Star Diamond**, a pear-shaped 39 carat, D color diamond (pictured at right; estimate: \$3.6-5.5 million). This exceptional gem comes from India's ancient Golconda mines, the source of many of the world's finest diamonds, including the celebrated Hope Diamond, and the historic Wittelsbach Diamond, which sold for \$24.3 million at Christie's London in 2008 – the highest price achieved for any jewel sold at auction. This exceptional diamond is mounted as a pendant to be worn on a 90-carat diamond necklace sold as a separate item. (see separate press release at <http://www.christies.com/presscenter>)



## Colored Diamonds and Gemstones



Following on the record-breaking success of the Vivid Pink diamond, an extremely rare 5 carat fancy vivid pink diamond sold December 1 at Christie's Hong Kong for \$10.8 million, Christie's is pleased to present an array of colored diamonds in a variety of sizes and settings. Gracing the *New York Jewels* catalogue cover is a superb 20.42 carat rectangular-cut fancy intense yellow, internally flawless diamond (pictured at left; estimate: \$400,000-600,000). Mounted in 18K gold, the diamond is accompanied by three spectacular mountings, so that it may be worn as a ring, a pendant, or as a bracelet offset by a band of white diamonds.

Also among the magnificent colored diamonds on offer is a trio of rings, including a 7.02 carat rectangular-cut fancy intense blue diamond ring with circular-cut pink diamond accents and a rose gold hoop (pictured page one, center; estimate: \$2-3 million); a 7.32 carat oval-cut fancy vivid yellow-orange diamond ring flanked by half-moon emeralds (estimate: \$600,000-800,000); and an impressive 40.92 carat cushion-cut fancy intense yellow diamond with a sculpted "figure 8" hoop (estimate: \$550,000-650,000).

Colored gemstones are also in great supply in the upcoming sale, led by a Belle Epoque ruby and diamond pendant necklace designed *circa* 1905 by the legendary New York house **Dreicer & Co.** (pictured at right; estimate: \$60,000-80,000). True to the style of the "Beautiful Era", this delicate necklace is accented by an old European-cut diamond bow above a stunning 9.41 carat pear-shaped Burmese ruby – a rare gem for both its size and remarkably even, saturated hue.



Rounding out the selection of important colored gemstones is a pair of sapphire and diamond ear pendants, with two cushion-cut sapphires weighing 27.46 and 29.50 carats, respectively (pictured page one, left; estimate: \$150,000-250,000); an emerald bead and diamond necklace by **Tiffany &**

Co., with three strands of graduated emerald beads and a circular-cut diamond clasp (estimate: \$60,000-80,000); and a pair of cabochon sapphire and diamond ear pendants, weighing 25.19 and 29.51 carats, respectively (estimate: \$80,000-120,000).

### Signed Creations from the Leading Jewelers

Among the most sought-after items for jewelry collectors are signed creations by the world's leading designers. The *New York Jewels* sale features an exceptional selection of these items, including an assortment of extraordinary boxes, bowls and objects by **Daniel Brush**, the fiercely reclusive designer whose daring creations have earned cult-like status amongst collectors.

Works by Brush appear only rarely at auction, with less than a dozen works sold prior to this Fall season. Among the seven Brush items to be offered are a gold and steel "Butterfly" bowl containing nine stylized gold and steel magnetic butterflies (pictured at right; estimate: \$40,000-60,000); a circular ivory and gold "Barleycorn" box with decorative motifs and a sculpted gold lid (estimate: \$10,000-15,000); and a gold, steel, and ivory "Blue Dome" object, with a fire-blued steel lid (estimate: \$6,000-8,000).



Elsewhere in the sale are signed jewels by **Buccellati**, including a gold and diamond "Printemps" necklace of sculpted leaves that may be configured as a necklace, brooch, or as ear clips (estimate: \$50,000-70,000), and a trio of jeweled cuff bangles accented with diamonds, sapphires, emeralds, and aquamarine stones (pictured page one, right; estimates range: \$8,000-50,000).



Among the assortment of signed jewels by designer **David Webb** is an eye-catching necklace designed as a graduated series of sculpted gold navette-shaped panels centered by a cluster of diamonds (estimate: \$12,000-15,000), and from the house of **Boucheron** is an intricate paneled diamond bracelet accented with carved gemstones in a floral pattern (pictured at left; estimate: \$15,000-20,000).

### Jewels For the Holidays

For the holiday shopper, the upcoming sale presents a great selection of unique jewelry items for women and men, and in price ranges suitable for gift-giving. For women seeking a combination of luxury and functionality, an Art Deco suede evening bag by **Cartier** features a sculpted gold leaf clasp topped by a coral and black enamel ladybug with diamond spots (estimate: \$6,000-8,000), and a vintage gold "shutter" bracelet by **Van**



**Cleef & Arpels** accented with sapphires and diamonds opens to reveal a tiny watch (estimate: \$6,000-8,000).

For men, a rich assortment of cuff links and dress sets by Boucheron, Cartier, Kieselstein-Cord, and David Webb are available in prices ranging from \$1,000-5,000, including a pair of circular onyx cufflinks accented with a single-cut diamond surround, by Cartier (pictured above, right; estimate: \$2,000-4,000). For a unique personalized gift, an unusual diamond tie clip in the form of the letter “F” was originally designed by the jeweler **Paul Flato** and worn as his signature accessory (estimate: \$5,000-7,000).

*The complete e-catalogues for these sales are available online at  
<http://www.christies.com/#/jewels-ny-1209/4/0/0/0>  
and via the Christie's app for the iPhone, available at [www.christies.com/on-the-go](http://www.christies.com/on-the-go)*

**Auctions:**

*New York Jewels*

December 10, 2009 at 2:00pm

*Magnificent Jewels from a Distinguished Collector*

December 10, 2009 at 4:30pm

**Viewing:**

New York - Christie's Rockefeller Center Galleries

December 5-9, 2009

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