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SPRING FORWARD

FANCY VIVID PINK, BLUE AND YELLOW DIAMONDS TO HIGHLIGHT 300-LOT AUCTION OF MAGNIFICENT JEWELS APRIL 12 IN NEW YORK



New York – With just weeks remaining until the start of the spring auction season for jewelry, Christie's New York is pleased to announce additional highlights of its Magnificent Jewels sale on April 12, including an exceptional line-up of top-quality fancy colored diamonds in shades of pink, blue and yellow. Christie's had previously announced its star lot of the sale, a Fancy Vivid Purple-Pink diamond of 10.09 carats estimated at \$12-15 million (pictured above, center; see dedicated press release). In keeping with collector demand, the upcoming sale will feature a wealth of these highly sought-after jewels, including Fancy Vivid blue, Fancy Vivid yellow, and Fancy Intense Pink diamonds of superior size, clarity, and color saturation..

"Our 2010 global jewelry sales total - the highest ever for any auction house at \$426 million - was led by extraordinary prices for colored diamonds, including the BVLGARI Blue sold in New York for a record \$1.4 million per carat and the Perfect Pink, sold in Hong Kong for \$23.1 million. Demand for large colored diamonds from connoisseurs and investors continues to reach new heights, and we

look forward to starting the spring season with this exceptional group of top colored diamonds, curated with the specific desires of today's collectors in mind," said Rahul Kadakia, Head of Jewelry at Christie's New York.

Colored and colorless diamond highlights of Christie's Magnificent Jewels sale include:

A Fancy Vivid Purple-Pink Diamond Set with a cushion-cut fancy vivid purple-pink diamond of 10.09 carats , flanked on either side by a cushion-cut diamond, mounted in 18k rose gold and platinum	Estimate: \$12,000,000- 15,000,000
A D-color, Internally Flawless Diamond Set with a rectangular-cut diamond of 37.16 carats , flanked on either side by three graduated baguette-cut diamonds, mounted in platinum	Estimate: \$4,200,000-4,800,000
A Fancy Intense Pink Diamond Set with a rectangular-cut fancy intense pink diamond of 6.61 carats , flanked on either side by a baguette-cut diamond, mounted in platinum	Estimate: \$3,300,000- 3,800,000
A Fancy Vivid Blue Diamond Set with a square emerald-cut fancy vivid blue diamond of 3.25 carats , flanked on either side by a half moon diamond, mounted in platinum	Estimate: \$2,000,000- 3,000,000
A Fancy Vivid Yellow Diamond Ring, by Carvin French Set with a cushion-cut fancy vivid yellow diamond of 50.29 carats , flanked on either side by rectangular-cut diamonds of 2.00 and 1.93 carats, mounted in platinum	Estimate: \$2,000,000- 3,000,000



A Pair of Colored Diamond Ear Pendants, by Harry Winston Set with a pear-shaped fancy intense blue diamond of **1.90 carats** and a fancy intense yellowish orange diamond of **2.10 carats**

Estimate: \$300,000-500,000

Antique Jewels and Signed Creations from the Leading Designers

With nearly 300 individual items on offer, the sale also includes a full array of precious gemstones, period jewels and signed creations from the leading jewelry houses. Estimates range from \$2,000 up to \$12 million, and the total sale is expected to achieve in excess of \$40 million.

Highlights of the antique and signed jewels section include:

A V-Shaped Diamond Necklace of approximately 120 carats total The front set with a pear-shaped diamond, weighing approximately 4.07 carats, mounted in platinum, and additional diamonds weighing from 1.74 to 4.07 carats	Estimate: \$500,000-700,000
An Antique Old Mine-Cut Diamond Brooch Suspending three detachable old mine-cut diamonds from a diamond-set trellis panel with central old mine-cut diamond circa 1860	Estimate: \$350,000-500,000
An Antique Peridot and Diamond Necklace A graduated series of rectangular-cut peridots, each within a diamond scalloped surround, suspending a series of detachable peridot pendants, <i>circa</i> 1870	Estimate: \$250,000-350,000
An Art Deco Kashmir Sapphire and Diamond Ring of 10.06 carats, by Tiffany & Co. <i>circa</i> 1920	Estimate: \$200,000-300,000

	 A suite of Colombian emerald and diamond jewels, by Van Cleef & Arpels An emerald and diamond necklace A pear-shaped emerald and diamond pendant brooch A pair of pear-shaped emerald and diamond ear pendants 	Estimate: \$250,000-350,000 Estimate: \$150,000-200,000 Estimate: \$120,000-150,000
	A Pair of Art Deco Diamond and Multi-Gem Clip Brooches, by Cartier Each diamond clip centering upon an oval-cut and pear-shaped ruby, sapphire and emerald plaque, mounted in platinum circa 1925	Estimate: \$100,000-150,000
	A Pair of Natural Pearl and Diamond Ear Pendants, by BVLGARI Each suspending a detachable drop-shaped white or light brownish gray pearl, decorated with a circular-cut diamond cap	Estimate: \$70,000-100,000
La	An Art Deco diamond and onyx convertible bracelet, by Cartier Designed as two old European-cut diamond scalloped plaques, spaced by two panels of three rectangular-shaped onyx links circa 1925	Estimate: \$40,000-60,000

The complete e-catalogue for this sale is available online at http://www.christies.com/features/auctions/0411/ny-jewels

Auction: New York Jewels Viewing: Christie's Rockefeller Center Galleries April 12 at 10am & 2pm April 9-11, 10am – 6pm

About Christie's

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*Estimates do not include buyer's premium

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Note to editors:

- Christie's International reported global jewelry sales of US\$426.4 million (£275.1 million) for 2010 the highest annual total ever achieved for jewelry at the global auction house.
- The tally represents a 56% increase over Christie's 2009 total, and beats its previous highest annual jewelry record of US\$395 million, set in 2007.

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