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PROPERTY FROM THE VERTICAL ART COLLECTION: WALKING STICKS TO BE OFFERED AT CHRISTIE'S 500 YEARS DECORATIVE ARTS EUROPE IN NOVEMBER

All Proceeds to Benefit the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation and the University of California



New York- On November 30, Christie's is pleased to present the sale of Property from *The Vertical Art Collection: Walking Sticks, With A Selection From Vertical Art: The Enduring Beauty Of Antique Canes And Walking Sticks.* The collection of 77 lots will be offered in a special section of the *500 Years Decorative Arts Europe* auction on November 30. Impressively comprehensive, the collection includes canes and walking sticks from varied materials ranging from jewels, exotic hardwoods, precious hardstones, historic figures and animals, classic Victorian canes, to a doctor's cane complete with medical instruments. In addition, finely crafted canes by Fabergé will be offered in the *Important Russian Art* sale in London on November 26. All proceeds will benefit the Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation and the University of California San Francisco Thoracic Oncology Lung Cancer Program.

Highlights include a Continental ormolu-mounted nephrite cane made with a handle with a fully sculpted snail amongst naturalistically modeled lush vinery and flowers, late 19^{th} Century, (*pictured above left*, estimate: \$5,000 - 8,000); a French topaz, yellow gold, and acid etched rock crystal cane, depicting a figure of Napoleon within a cage (*pictured above center*, estimate: \$5,000 - \$8,000); and a silver and rock crystal cane in the form of a curved bird's head with ruby eyes, late 19^{th} /early 20^{th} Century, (*pictured above right*, estimate: \$4,000 - 6,000).

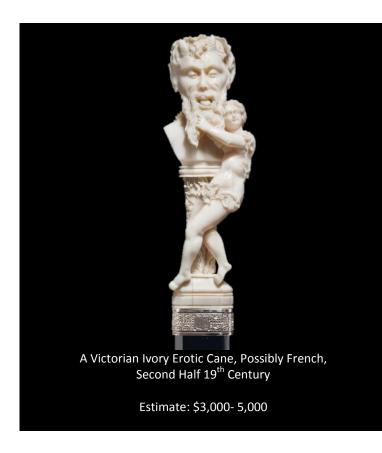
ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



A Victorian Silver, Silver Plate, And Ebonized Doctor's Cane, Second half $19^{\rm th}$ century

Estimate: \$7,000-10,000







An Austrian Rose Gold And Enamel Mounted Giada Zoisite Cane, Late $19^{\rm th}$ /Early $20^{\rm th}$ Century

Estimate: \$8,000-12,000

Fabergé Highlights



A Jewelled Gold-Mounted and Nephrite Cane Handle By Fabergé, with the workmaster's mark of Michael Perchin, St Petersburg, circa 1890.

Estimate: £6,000-8,000



A Jewelled Two-Colour Gold-Mounted Enamel and Citrine Parasol Handle, By Fabergé, with The Workmaster's Mark of Michael Perchin, St Petersburg, circa 1900

Estimate: £7,000-10,000

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