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MAGNIFICENT JEWELS & THE PRINCIE DIAMOND AT CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK APRIL 16

THE LARGEST GOLCONDA FANCY INTENSE PINK DIAMOND EVER TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT AUCTION



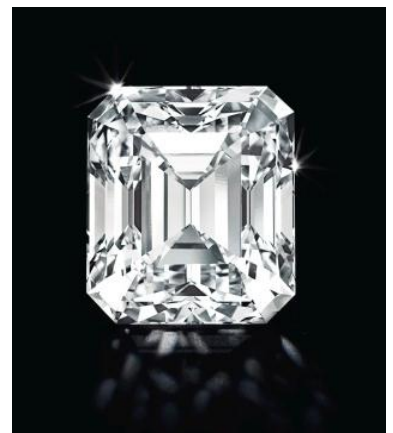
A D color, Internally Flawless
Emerald-Cut Diamond of 11.39 carats
Estimate: \$1,000,000 – 1,500,000



HARRY WINSTON
Diamond and Emerald Necklace
Estimate: \$800,000 – 1,200,000



A Three-Strand Natural
Pearl Necklace
Estimate: \$1,000,000 – \$1,500,000



A Rectangular-Cut Diamond Ring
of 30.32 Carats
Estimate: \$3,000,000 – 4,000,000

FLAWLESS DIAMONDS, NATURAL PEARLS AND RARE GEMSTONES TO HIGHLIGHT CHRISTIE'S FIRST JEWELRY AUCTION OF THE SPRING SEASON

New York – On April 16 Christie's New York will kick off the spring auction season with a colorful selection of superb jewelry for its upcoming Magnificent Jewels auction. The day-long auction features almost 300 jewels, including top-quality colored and colorless diamonds, rare gemstones, natural pearls and a great selection of signed vintage creations from the best houses.

As a special highlight of the sale, Christie's also announces *The Princie Diamond* (estimate on request), an extraordinary 34.65 carat Fancy Intense Pink cushion-cut diamond. This historic diamond's origin can be traced back to the ancient diamond mines of Golconda in South Central India and was first recorded in the holdings of the Royal family of Hyderabad, rulers of one of the wealthiest provinces of the Mughal Empire.

First offered at auction in 1960 as "Property of a Gentleman" (later revealed to be the Nizam of Hyderabad himself) the diamond was purchased by the London branch of Van Cleef & Arpels for £46,000. The diamond's unique name was bestowed at a party at the firm's Paris store, where it was christened the "Princie" in honor of the 14-year-old Prince of Baroda, who attended the party with his mother Maharani Sita



Devi. This is the first time in more than fifty years that this special diamond has appeared at auction, marking an unprecedented opportunity for collectors of the world's finest gemstones.

François Curiel, Chairman of Christie's Jewelry Department, commented, "*One of the largest and finest pink diamonds in the world, the **Princie** Diamond carries a fabulous provenance, which brings together the legendary names of Golconda, Nizam of Hyderabad, and the Maharani Sita Devi of Baroda. This rich history, combined with its rare pink hue, conveys a special charm, which will speak to all collectors in the world seeking the best of the best in gemstones.*"

IMPORTANT PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Christie's is pleased to present **Extraordinary Diamonds from an American Private Collection**, a carefully-curated private collection of superior quality. This assemblage of seven perfect diamonds has been in the same hands for decades and their beauty and quality express the impeccable taste of the owner. The group represents the foresight of a savvy connoisseur who understood the increasing rarity and value of top quality diamonds and acquired over time such an important collection.



Highlights include (pictured left to right): A D color, Potentially Internally Flawless Marquise-shaped Diamond of 5.13 carats, Estimate: \$250,000 – 450,000 • A D color, Internally Flawless Emerald-Cut Diamond of 7.02 carats, Estimate: \$450,000 – 650,000 • A D color, Potentially Internally Flawless Pear-Shaped Diamond of 8.06 carats, Estimate: \$550,000 – 750,000 • A D color, Internally Flawless Emerald-Cut Diamond of 11.39 carats, Estimate: \$1,000,000 – 1,500,000.

The collection will make its debut in Christie's Rockefeller Center saleroom offering four diamonds (pictured above) up for auction April 16, with two lots following in Geneva on May 15, and one final lot in Hong Kong on May 28. *(Please look for upcoming announcements at each location for further details.)*

Additional top private collections to be offered for sale include the **Property of an Elegant Lady** highlighted by a fabulous diamond cluster necklace by William Goldberg (pictured left; estimate: \$1,600,000 – 2,500,000), comprising over 160 carats of fine quality diamonds. **Property of a Distinguished American Collection** features a 1950's emerald and diamond necklace by Harry Winston (pictured page one) and an impressive D color potentially flawless diamond ring of 23.30 carats by Harry Winston (pictured right; estimate: \$2,500,000 – 3,500,000).













RARE NATURAL PEARLS



Often referred to as the "queen of gems," the pearl has been a prized adornment in all cultures since ancient times. Today, matched strands of natural pearls have become increasingly hard to source, as the traditional pearling industry has all but vanished in the Middle East. As a result, natural pearls of important size and quality have become increasingly sought-after by collectors from all regions of the world, and their appearance at auction is always a major event for the jewelry world.

This April, Christie's is delighted to offer a **three-strand natural pearl necklace formed of 180 large-sized individual pearls**, (pictured at right; estimate: \$1 – 1.5 million). Ranging in size from 4.95 to 11.05 mm in diameter, the pearls are beautifully matched and graduated and the necklace is completed with an ornate cabochon emerald and diamond clasp.



Rahul Kadakia, Head of Jewelry, Christie's Americas and Switzerland, commented, *"For our first auction of the spring jewelry season, we have compiled a superb selection of colorless diamonds, beautiful vintage jewels from the best houses, and rare natural pearls which are experiencing a remarkable surge at auction. Collectors continue to enjoy being part of a vibrant auction market both as sellers and buyers of rare jewels."*

COLORED AND COLORLESS DIAMOND HIGHLIGHTS	
	A Fancy Pink-Brown Diamond Ring of 35.60 carats Estimate: \$1,400,000 – 1,800,000
	A Pair of Fancy Yellow Diamond Ear Clips of 31.17 and 30.63 carats, by Nirav Modi Estimate: \$1,400,000 – 1,800,000
	A Pair of Fancy Pink and Fancy Yellow Diamond Ear Pendants Estimate: \$1,200,000 – 1,500,000
	A D-color Diamond Pendant Necklace of 12.04 carats Estimate: \$900,000 – 1,100,000
	A Diamond Ring of 37.47 carats Estimate: \$800,000 – 1,200,000
	A Fancy Yellow Diamond Ring of 31.97 carats Estimate: \$700,000 – 1,000,000
	A Fancy Violet-Gray Diamond of 5.64 carats Estimate: \$550,000 – 750,000
	A Fancy Yellow Diamond of 21.28 carats Estimate: \$450,000 – 650,000
RARE GEMSTONE HIGHLIGHTS	
	A Burmese Ruby and Diamond Ring of 11.08 carats Estimate: \$1,500,000 – 2,500,000
	An Emerald and Diamond Pendant Necklace of 30.19 carats, by Harry Winston Estimate: \$1,100,000 – 1,500,000

	<p>A Burmese Ruby and Diamond Ring of 11.02 carats, by Cartier Estimate: \$700,000 – 900,000</p>
	<p>A Pair of Colombian Emerald and Diamond Ear Pendants of 24.48 and 21.60 carats Estimate: \$680,000 – 880,000</p>

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