

CHRISTIE'S

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THE COLLECTION OF PEGGY AND DAVID ROCKEFELLER

CHRISTIE'S ANNOUNCES PUBLIC PREVIEW TOUR DATES

- LONDON: FEBRUARY 21 – MARCH 8
 - PARIS: MARCH 16 - 21
 - BEIJING: APRIL 6 – 7
- LOS ANGELES: APRIL 6 – 12
- SHANGHAI: APRIL 10 – 11
- NEW YORK: APRIL 28 – May 11

TOURS AND EXHIBITIONS SPONSORED BY VISTAJET

SPECIAL COLLECTION PREVIEW ISSUE OF CHRISTIE'S MAGAZINE NOW ON SALE



John Singer Sargent (1856-1925)
San Geremia
Oil on canvas
34 x 3 1/4 x 69
Painted in 1913
Estimate: \$3,000,000-5,000,000



A LARGE CHINESE EXPORT
"TOBACCO LEAF"
PORCELAIN ASSEMBLED DINNER
SERVICE
CIRCA 1775
Estimate: \$200,000-300,000



Eugène Delacroix (French, 1798-1863)
Tiger Playing with a Tortoise
Oil on canvas
33 1/2 x 3 x 26 3/4
Painted in 1862
Estimate: \$5,000,000-7,000,000



A GEORGE II IRISH GOLD
FREEDOM BOX
MARK OF WILLIAM CURRIE,
DUBLIN, 1754-1756
3 in. (7.5 cm.) diameter, 4 oz.
Estimate: \$30,000-50,000

New York – Christie's is pleased to confirm additional dates and locations for public preview exhibitions of the Collection of Peggy and David Rockefeller. Following the unveiling of early highlights in Hong Kong last November, Christie's will now tour property to its flagship galleries in London (February 21 – March 8), Paris (March 16 – 21), Beijing (April 6 - 7), Los Angeles (April 6 – 12), and Shanghai (April 10 - 11), leading up to the auctions at Christie's Rockefeller Center in New York during the week of May 7 - 11. With each stop on the pre-sale tour, additional works of art and objects will be unveiled, revealing new facets of this storied, multi-category collection. The exhibitions, which are open to the public, are sponsored in partnership with private aviation company VistaJet.



As a guide for collectors, Christie's has launched a special issue of *Christie's Magazine* dedicated to the Collection of Peggy and David Rockefeller. The issue re-acquaints readers with the Rockefeller family's unique place in American history, and their long legacy in the realms of art collecting, commerce, and philanthropy. All of the estate proceeds from the sale of the Collection will benefit established charities.

For the London exhibition in February, Christie's has curated a selection of paintings, furniture and works of art that reflect the Rockefeller family's wide-ranging interests and intellectual pursuits. Among the highlights to be unveiled is Eugène Delacroix's masterful *Tiger Playing with a Tortoise* (estimate: \$5-7 million). Acquired in 1966 by Peggy and David Rockefeller with guidance from the preeminent art historian Alfred Barr, then director of the Museum of Modern Art, the painting is among the most celebrated animal studies by one of the great colorists of the 19th century. Additional highlights for the London exhibition include John Singer Sargent's *San Geremia* (estimate: \$3-5 million); a large Chinese Export 'Tobacco Leaf' porcelain dinner service, circa 1775 (estimate: \$200,000-500,000); and a George II Irish gold freedom box with the mark of William Currie, Dublin, 1754-1756 (estimate: \$30,000-50,000). The extended public exhibition will also feature significant works by Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse, Claude Monet, Georges Seurat, Juan Gris, Paul Signac, Edouard Manet, Paul Gauguin, Jean Baptiste Camille Corot, and Edward Hopper, among others ([see previous announcement](#)).

Notes for Editors:

- Sale dates will be announced early in 2018.
- More information on [Christie's Magazine: The Collection of Peggy and David Rockefeller](#)
- Designated philanthropies include the American Farmland Trust, Americas Society/Council of the Americas, Council on Foreign Relations, The David Rockefeller Fund, Harvard University, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Museum of Modern Art, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Rockefeller University, The Stone Barns Restoration Corporation – Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture and Mount Desert Land and Garden Preserve
- The most valuable collection ever previously offered at auction was the Collection Yves Saint Laurent et Pierre Bergé in 2009 at Christie's Paris which achieved more than US\$400 million.
- [David Rockefeller's \(Giving Pledge\) statement](#), confirming his commitment to philanthropy
- Follow [@christiesrockefeller](#) on Instagram and www.christies.com/rockefeller for coming auction details

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