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DECOR: A GLAMOROUS NEW SALE AT ROCKEFELLER CENTER

Decor: European Furniture and Decoration

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New York, NY – On June 15, Christie's New York is excited to introduce a new sale concept – *Decor: European Furniture and Decoration* – focusing on the fabulous ways in which the endlessly inspiring beauty of 17th, 18th and 19th century furniture provided a wealth of ideas for 20th century furniture makers. This one-of-a-kind sale was carefully crafted to combine pieces from the 17th century to the 19th century, along with more recent interpretations. From old and traditional to yesterday's designs, including those of famous taste-makers, such as Jansen, Bestegui, Versace and Molyneux, each and every piece is guaranteed to add flare to any home.

Decor captures the epitome of the eclectic 20th century American style, where furniture and decorations of deluxe materials and classic forms from various regions were collected to decorate the home. All collectors with palettes ranging from whimsical to traditional will be inspired.

Highlights

The sale has a delightful range of furniture and decorative pieces, such as an ormolu-mounted Lucite and glass occasional table from the 20th century (estimate: \$12,000-18,000). This table with a circular glass top over a drapery-swag-mounted frieze is aesthetically complimented by a pair of 19th or 20th century ormolu-mounted etched blue and frosted glass vases (estimate: \$4,000-6,000), and both are featured on the cover of the catalogue.

Another highlight worthy of a stylish home is a pair of mother-of-pearl and bone-inlaid ebonized commodes from the 20th century (estimate: \$40,000-60,000). These breathtaking commodes intrigue the eye with the mother-of-pearl star patterns that are inlaid over the entire bombé forms. On the lighter side, the sale contains a fantastic array of obelisks from various time periods. Among the

unique and decorative pieces are a pair of Italian red and black marble obelisks, from the 19th century (estimate: \$10,000-15,000); a pair of bronze and ormolu obelisks with a male nude, designed by Juan Pablo Molyneux and Horacio Cordero from the late 20th century (estimate: \$6,000-9,000); and an ormolu, pink quartz obelisk supported by a black marble figure of a hippopotamus (estimate: \$12,000-18,000).

The sale showcases fanciful pieces from American collections and maintains the sophistication of Christie's European furniture sales by incorporating collections from across the globe.

Auction: Decor: European Furniture and Decoration June 15

Viewing: Christie's Galleries at 20 Rockefeller Plaza June 10 - 14

More information about Christie's sale *Important Decor: European Furniture and Decoration* can be found on www.christies.com. All lots from the sale can be viewed online along with full catalogue descriptions on Lotfinder®, which also allows clients to leave absentee bids. www.christies.com provides information on more than 80 sale categories, buying and selling at auction, complete auction results, and Christie's international auction calendar.

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