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ROCK PARTY

JEWELLERY WONDERS

7-13 MARCH AT CHRISTIE'S DUBAI

Christie's and A2Z have partnered to present *Rock Party – A Selling Exhibition of Jewellery Wonders*, at Christie's Dubai from 7 to 13 March. The exhibition features a curated selection of around 200 unique creations from important contemporary designers such as JAR, Bhagat, Hemmerle and young talents from all over the world like Sabba, Nikos Koulis, Fernando Jorge, Mashandy and more, alongside pieces from renowned prestigious jewellery houses like Cartier, Bulgari, Graff and Harry Winston, to name just a few.

The show is an invitation to explore self-representation and self-expression in an era of exponential change, and to look at the acts of collecting and wearing jewels nowadays from different lenses. Bringing together cutting-edge craftsmanship and sublime creativity, this partnership is rocking the interwoven worlds of modernity and tradition in jewellery design, and is an opportunity to discover and acquire stunning creations.



Highlighted by a natural pearl, Colombian emerald and diamond sautoir by JAR, incorporating an historic 114.63 carat Fancy Vivid Yellow diamond, currently the largest certified old-cut cushion-shaped in the world, the show is filled with other mesmerizing treasures.

Julien Brunie, Senior Director, International Head, Private Sales Jewellery: *"We are thrilled to partner with A2Z and present another exceptional Private Sales exhibition coinciding with Art Dubai, when the worlds of art and luxury are meeting in the city. The combination of extraordinary quality gemstones as well as contemporary designs will surely attract a lot of synergy. Featuring jewels in a broad range of price points, we are proud to offer an opportunity for all jewellery lovers and collectors to find what they're looking for, and hopefully more."*

Abdulahman H. Alzayani, Founder of A2Z Exclusive Ltd: *"I am very excited to collaborate with Christie's, bringing all these amazing pieces and jewellers to the Middle East. Especially because we are doing it during the period of Art Dubai where all of the biggest collectors from the region come, and we can't wait to show them our incredible selection."*

FROM THE MOST ICONIC JEWELLERY HOUSES

Rock Party will present superb period jewels together with striking modern designs, many signed by renowned high jewellery houses. It will include the below spectacular pieces, amongst many others.



The Star of Sierra Leone diamond brooch, by Harry Winston



A stunning diamond suite by Chopard



A magnificent sapphire, ruby and diamond necklace by Bulgari

FROM THE WORLD OF CONTEMPORARY DESIGNERS

The exhibition will also feature and honour younger but already recognised jewellery designers from all over the world, such as the below and more for you to discover.



Sabba

Italian-born Alessandro Sabbatini plays with volume and bright colours in his creations, they are bold but light, pieces that women can enjoy wearing everyday.

This ring consists of a central pink cabochon sapphire weighing 3.49 carats, surrounded by other pink sapphires and flanked by colourless diamonds.

Nikos Koulis

The Greek designer based in Athens blends Art Deco and contemporary inspirations, resulting in highly original but superbly wearable pieces.



Diamond and black enamel necklace, as worn by worldwide star Rihanna



Fernando Jorge

Brazilian Fernando Jorge is passionate about decorative objects and drawing, resulting in very distinctly sculptural jewellery. Based between London and São Paulo, Jorge finds a cultural symbiosis that influences his designs in a truly unique way.



This fantastic bracelet is made of more than 60 pear-shaped diamonds weighing 28.73 carats in total.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Exhibition opening times

From 7-13 March from 12pm to 11pm

Location

Christie's Dubai – Gate Village - DIFC

Partnership

The long-term relationship between A2Z and Christie's since the beginning of A2Z results once more in another significant collaborative private sales jewellery exhibition. Previously A2Z and Christie's have notably worked together with the Bahrain Institute for Pearls and Gemstones (Danat), on an exhibition of important pearl pieces, titled ***Magnificent Pearls***. This exhibition was on display at the Four Seasons Hotel in Bahrain in March, 2019.

Private Sales at Christie's

Private Sales at Christie's is growing in size, value and depth and is no-longer counter-cyclical to market strength. Transactions at all levels take place around key sale weeks within a strong auction market. Private Sales in 2021 totalled \$1.7 B/£1.2 B, an 108% increase on 2019; the number of transactions between \$5-10m doubled in 2021 (vs. 2020); the number of buyers for Private Sales rose 42% against 2019; 60% of all Private Sales clients are also active across Christie's auction sales.

Christie's pop-up programme continues around the world in key collecting centers such as Palm Beach, Southampton, Aspen, Monte Carlo and online, including the annual summer sculpture exhibition, *Dream Big*, on christies.com.

Luxury at Christie's

Luxury at auction and through private sales reached almost USD \$1B in 2021. Auction sales totalled USD \$736.1M, marking a 73% increase over 2020. Private sales have had a stand- out year, doubling sales made in 2019. Online sales comprised 5% of total Auction in 2019, now 21% in 2021; the average lot value for Luxury sales online has more than tripled in 2021 vs 2019 (£4,500 to £14,200).

Jewellery

Sales were led by the Sakura diamond in Hong Kong, 15cts, the largest purple pink diamond ever offered at auction which achieved a record-breaking USD \$29m; the historic Geneva sale of Marie-Antoinette's diamond bracelets achieved CHF 7,46M / \$8.20M, tripling the low estimate. Online demand for jewellery soared—with a 101% increase in the number of jewels lots sold online between 2019 and this year. Further departments belonging to the cluster are watches and handbags.

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