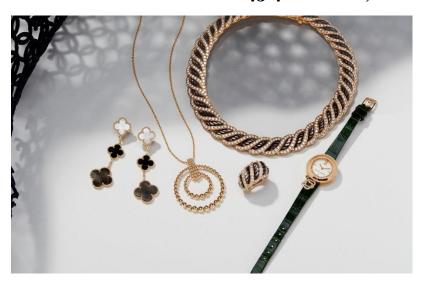
# CHRISTIE'S

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## Christie's Jewels Online | 28 March - 7 April

LED BY THE HIGHEST VALUED JEWEL OFFERED IN AN ONLINE SALE
THE FLAWLESS STAR: A SUPERB DIAMOND 45.46 CARATS, D COLOR, FLAWLESS



New York – Christie's is pleased to present <u>Jewels Online and The Flawless Star</u>, open for bidding online from 28 March to 7 April. The sale includes over 200 lots with more than half of all lots being offered without reserve. With estimates starting at all price points, this auction will delight seasoned collectors and jewelry enthusiasts alike.



THE FLAWLESS STAR SUPERB DIAMOND OF 45, 46 CARATS D COLOR, FLAWLESS, TYPE IIA \$4,000,000-6,000,000

Highest valued jewel offered in an onlineonly sale Leading the sale is **The Flawless Star**, a superb round brilliant-cut D-color, Flawless diamond of 45.46 carats (\$4,000,000-6,000,000), the highest valued jewel to be offered in an online-only sale. The Flawless Star belongs to the rare Type IIa category, which make up less than 2% of all diamonds. Type IIa diamonds are the most chemically pure and are characterized by their exceptional transparency. These stones have no traces of nitrogen, which creates a purity of color that is observed only in the finest diamonds originating from the fabled mines of Golconda, Brazil and South Africa.

Other highlights of the sale include designs by renowned jewelry houses such as **Buccellati**, **Bulgari**, **Cartier**, **Graff**, **Harry Winston**, **JAR**, **Oscar Heyman & Brothers**, **Seaman Schepps**, **Tiffany & Co.**, and **Verdura**. Specially featured in the sale are selections of **Van Cleef & Arpels** jewelry, including many interpretations of the iconic Alhambra motif such as a turquoise 'Vintage Alhambra' long necklace (\$10,000-15,000) and diamond 'Magic Alhambra' earrings (\$15,000-20,000).

#### **Notes to Editors:**

- In 2011, Christie's became the first auction house to create its own integrated online sale platform (Elizabeth Taylor Online totaled \$9.5 million).
- In June 2020, a spectacular diamondring of 28.86 carats sold for \$2,115,000, the highest valued lotto be sold in an online-only sale of jewelry at Christie's.
- In 2021, 63% of all bids were placed online and 64% of new clients came to Christie's through online sales.
- In 2021, the average lot value of online sales at Christie's increased by 47%.
- In February 2022, the Jewels Online sale received record participation with the highest number of bidders from a New York Jewels online sale and attracted global participation from 28 countries.

### CHRISTIE'S JEWELS ONLINE | 28 MARCH - 7 APRIL | HIGHLIGHTS



HERMÈS DIAMOND EARRINGS \$12,000-18,000



JAR
ALUMINUM 'GERANIUM' EARRINGS
\$2,000-3,000



DIAMOND PENDANT NECKLACE
OF 12.12 CARATS
\$550,000-650,000



ALDO CIPULLO
GOLD 'JUSTE UN CLOU' BRACELET
\$20,000-30,000



EMERALD AND DIAMOND NECKLACE \$25,000-35,000



CARTIER
ART DECO DIAMOND AND MULTI-GEM
'PANTHÈRE' BROOCH
\$20,000-30,000



VAN CLEEF & ARPELS TURQUOISE 'VINTAGE ALHAMBRA' LONG NECKLACE \$10,000-15,000



VAN CLEEF & ARPELS DIAMOND 'MAGIC ALHAMBRA' EARRINGS \$15,000-20,000



VAN CLEEF & ARPELS LAPIS LAZULI, TURQUOISE AND DIAMOND 'BOUTON D'OR' PENDANT NECKLACE

\$15,000-20,000

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