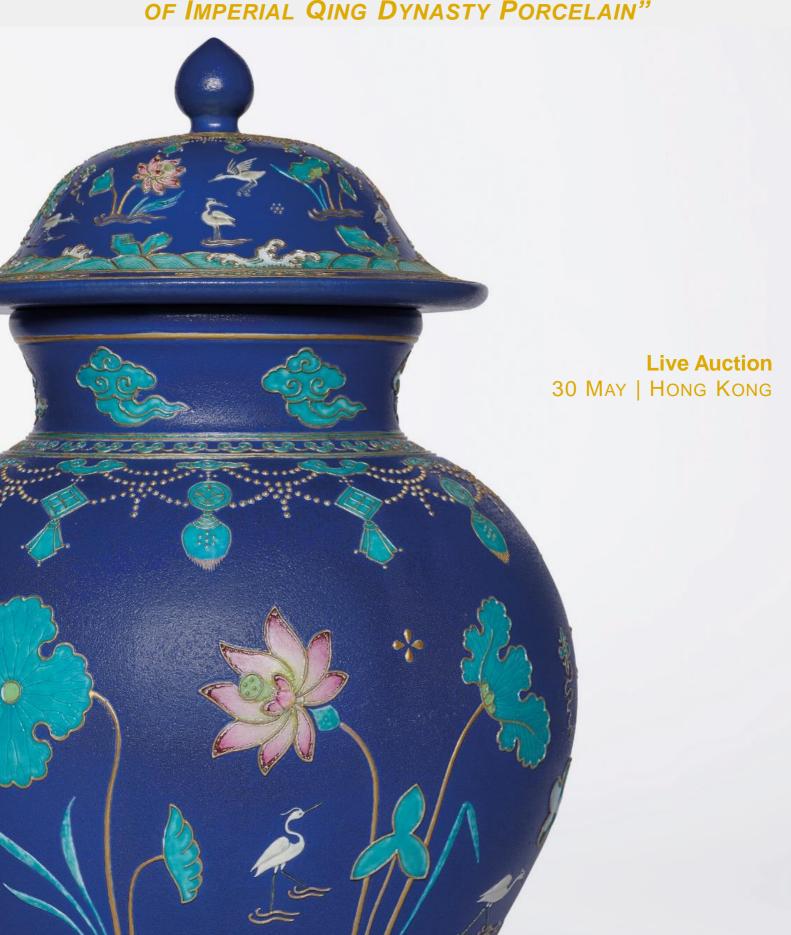
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An Exquisite Imperial Ruby Red-Ground *falangcai* 'Indian Lotus' Wine Cup
Yongzheng Four-Character Mark In Underglaze Blue Within A Double Square And Of The Period (1723-1735)
2 ½ in. (6.4 cm.) high
Estimate: HK\$15,000,000 – 25,000,000

Christie's is honoured to present "Celestial Brilliance: The Wang Xing Lou Collection of Imperial Qing Dynasty Porcelain", a stand-alone sale to be held on 30 May 2022, offering an exquisite selection of 28 lots of Imperial porcelain from three of the most prominent reigns of the Qing Dynasty.

The collector, with his exquisite eye for detail and an insatiable thirst for beautiful objects, amassed a very comprehensive collection of Imperial Qing ceramics dating to the reign of the three most prolific emperors: Kangxi, Yongzheng, and Qianlong.

The porcelain pieces in this sale offer a kaleidoscopic view of the wide-ranging and varied techniques of the Chinese porcelain-making traditions of the 18th century, following the technological and aesthetical advances of the Song and Ming Dynasties. Each piece is a fine example of their type, boasting the most innovative production techniques, which have allowed them to stand the test of time and be considered masterpieces of Chinese art at present.

All the pieces from the Wang Xing Lou collection to be offered this coming auction season were part of the exhibition *Imperial Perfection – The Palace Porcelain of The Three Emperors*, that took place in 2003 at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, where the entire collection remained on loan for the following two decades. Some of these lots are a testament to the skills of the Jingdezheng potters, ranging from their expertise in overcoming the challenges of firing exceedingly difficult ceramics, such as the underglaze-blue and copper-red vase as seen on a Yongzheng double-gourd with beautifully moulded *ruyi* handles, to the ultimate control of the brilliant colour of the soufflé ruby-red ground on the *falangcai* wine cup.

Marco Almeida, Head of Department, Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art, commented: "It is with the greatest pleasure that Christie's is able to bring to the market this long-awaited collection, that hasn't been seen at auction for over two decades. The Wang Xing Lou Collection perfectly illustrates the tradition of Chinese Porcelain through the eyes of three generations of Qing emperors. This May, we look forward to welcoming our collectors and connoisseurs alike, to experience the beauty of this masterful collection at Christie's Hong Kong."

HIGHLIGHTS



A Fine And Extremely Rare Blue And White And Copper-Red Decorated 'Lotus' Double-Gourd Vase

Yongzheng Six-Character Mark In Underglaze Blue Within A Double Circle And Of The Period (1723-1735)
10 ½ in. (26.6 cm.) high
Estimate: HK\$18,000,000 - 28,000,000



A Very Rare And Finely Carved Celadon-Glazed 'Dragon' Bottle Vase Qianlong Incised Six-Character Seal Mark And Of The Period (1736-1795) 11 ½ in. (28.3 cm.) high Estimate: HK\$10,000,000 - 18,000,000



A Magnificent And Rare Famille Rose Fahua-Style Jar And Cover (COVER PAGE)

Qianlong Incised Six-Character Seal Mark And Of The Period (1736-1795) 18 in. (45.7 cm.) high Estimate: HK\$12,000,000 – 20,000,000



A Fine And Rare Blue And White Dragon Vase, *Meiping*Kangxi Six-Character Mark In Underglaze Blue
And Of The Period (1662-1722)
9 % in. (23.8 cm.) high
Estimate: HK\$8,000,000 - 10,000,000

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A Magnificent Large And Very Rare Turquoise-Ground *Yangcai* Imperially Inscribed 'Flowers Of The Four Seasons' Vase
Qianlong Six-Character Seal Mark In Iron Red

And Of The Period (1736-1795) 30 % in. (78.3 cm.) high Estimate: HK\$8,000,000 – 12,000,000



A Fine And Very Rare Famille Rose 'Lotus' Bowl And Cover Qianlong Six-Character Seal Mark In Underglaze Blue

And Of The Period (1736-1795)
4 1/4 in. (10.8 cm.) high
Estimate: HK\$3,000,000 – 5,000,000



A Very Large And Rare Blue And White Archaistic Vase, Hu
Qianlong Six-Character Seal Mark In Underglaze Blue
And Of The Period (1736-1795)
20 1/4 in. (51.4 cm.) high
Estimate: HK\$3,000,000 - 5,000,000



A Fine And Very Large Blue-Glazed Globular Bottle Vase, *Tianqiuping*Yongzheng Six-Character Seal Mark In Underglaze Blue
And Of The Period (1723-1735)
26 % in. (67 cm.) high
Estimate: HK\$3,000,000 - 5,000,000

Notes To Editor

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Live Auction:

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