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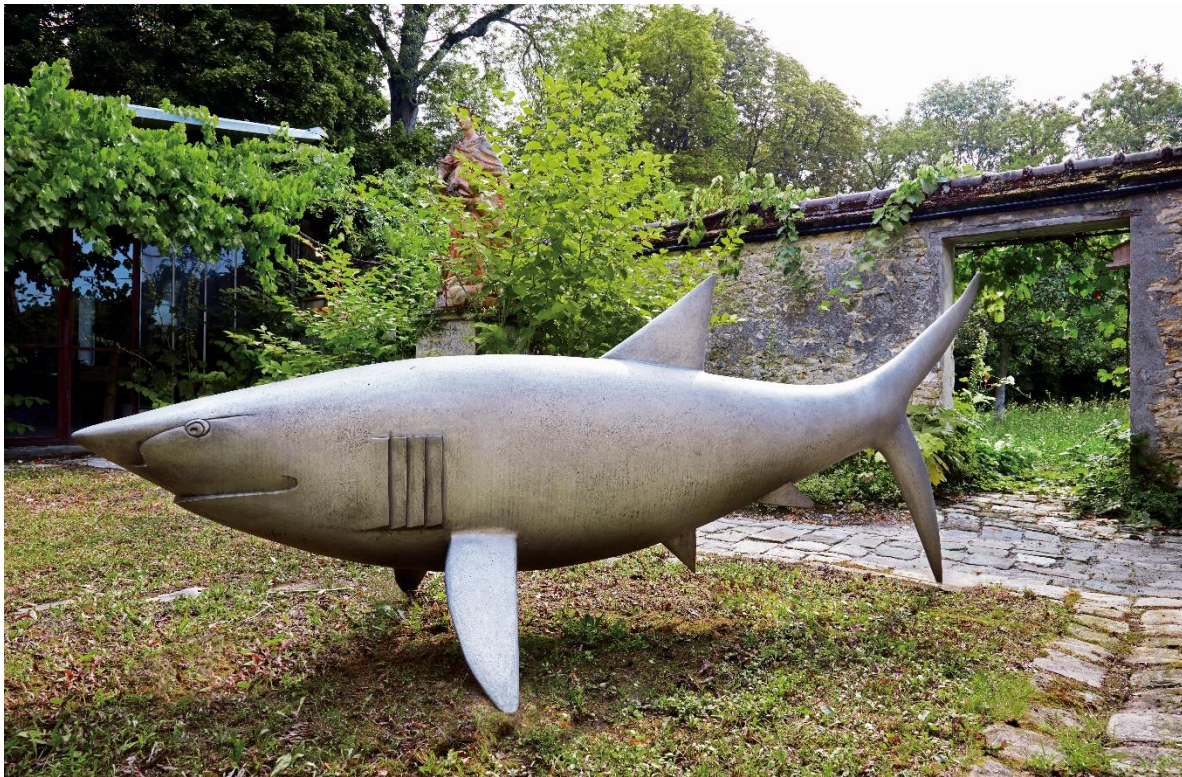
CHRISTIE'S ANNOUNCES FIRST MAJOR SALE IN THE UNITED STATES OF FRANÇOIS-XAVIER AND CLAUDE LALANNE

"Sculpting Paradise"

From the Collection of Madame Marie Lalanne

From Mid-November 2022

New York



François-Xavier Lalanne (1927-2008), *Grand Requin*, aluminium

NEW YORK – Christie's is honoured to announce 'Sculpting Paradise', a series of exceptional auctions of works by François-Xavier and Claude Lalanne, to be held in New York from mid-November 2022. This will be the first sale of this scale ever held in the United States of America for this unique creative couple.

The works originate from the collection of Madame Marie Lalanne, daughter of the artists, an artist herself, a French-American citizen and long-time resident of the United States of America.

Approximately 250 lots will be auctioned, in a prestigious sale to be held at Rockefeller Center and in an online sale. The works will be displayed in their entirety in Christie's galleries at Rockefeller Center prior to the sales.



Claude Lalanne (1925-2019), *Grand Choupatte*
Gilt bronze

The collection will offer a glimpse into the Lalannes' poetic world and exceptional creativity, with major sculptures such as the *Grand Requin*, the *Console Gorille*, the *Grand Poisson Paysage* and the *Choupatte* as well as numerous pieces of jewellery and works on paper.

The New York sales will be preceded during the fall by an international marketing campaign, including exhibitions of selected works in Los Angeles, Paris and Dubai, digital presentations in Hong Kong and Asia, roundtable discussions with leading specialists dedicated to Lalanne, and a reference catalogue.

Guillaume Cerutti, Christie's Chief Executive Officer, said: "Claude and François-Xavier Lalanne are among the most talented and original artists of the 20th and 21st centuries. We are particularly proud, thanks to the initiative of their American daughter Marie Lalanne, to be able to present in New York, at the heart of the modern and contemporary art auction season, a selection so emblematic of their artistic universe and creativity. It is a privilege for our teams around the world to work on this sale that will consolidate the international recognition that these unique artists deserve."

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