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# ARMS AND ARMOUR FROM THE MOUGINS MUSEUM OF CLASSICAL ART, PART I

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THE GUTTMANN MOUSE HELMET

AN IMPORTANT ROMAN IRON, BRASS AND COPPER HELMET FOR JULIUS MANSUETUS, together with A DOLABRA

ANTONINE PERIOD, CIRCA 125-175 A.D.

Estimate: \$1,000,000-1,500,000

**NEW YORK** – Christie's New York is pleased to present **Arms and Armour from the Mougins Museum of Classical Art, Part I**, taking place on 30 January 2024 and showcasing approximately 40 lots from the Mougins Museum's unparalleled collection of ancient arms and armour from across the Mediterranean world — the largest private collection of its kind. This sale is the second chapter of **A Collecting Odyssey**, which will be offered across six sales from December 2023 to December 2024. The works of art, spanning antiquities to contemporary sculptures, have been the nucleus of the beloved **Mougins Museum of Classical Art** in the South of France since its foundation by Christian Levett in 2011. The Mougins Museum of Classical Art closed its doors to the public on the

31 August 2023 and will reopen in June 2024 as Female Artists Mougins Museum, dedicated solely to works by female artists from The Levett Collection.

The top lot of the current sale is the Guttmann Mouse Helmet, an important Roman iron, brass and copper helmet with a punched inscription for the helmet's original owner, Julius Mansuetus, estimated at \$1,000,000-1,500,000. Additional top lots include a Greek bronze Corinthian helmet (estimate \$300,000-500,000), a Roman iron and tinned bronze cavalry helmet (estimate \$300,000-500,000), a Roman sheet brass helmet of Weisenau type (estimate \$250,000-350,000), and the Thétis Fragment, a fragmentary Greek bronze inscribed back-plate from an anatomical cuirass (estimate \$150,000-250,000).

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A GREEK BRONZE CORINTHIAN HELMET LATE ARCHAIC TO EARLY CLASSICAL PERIOD, CIRCA 525-475 B.C. Estimate: \$300,000-500,000



A ROMAN IRON AND TINNED BRONZE CAVALRY HELMET ANTONINE PERIOD, CIRCA 125-175 A.D. Estimate: \$300,000-500,000



A ROMAN SHEET BRASS HELMET OF WEISENAU TYPE FLAVIAN TO TRAJANIC PERIOD, CIRCA 69-117 A.D. Estimate: \$250,000-350,000



THE THÉTIS FRAGMENT
A FRAGMENTARY GREEK
BRONZE INSCRIBED BACKPLATE FROM AN
ANATOMICAL CUIRASS
MAGNA GRAECIA, CLASSICAL
PERIOD, CIRCA 400-370 B.C.
Estimate: \$150,000-250,000

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