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CHRISTIE'S THREE EXCEPTIONAL SALES OF 20TH CENTURY DECORATIVE ART & DESIGN AT CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK THIS DECEMBER

New York - This December 15th and 16th, Christie's New York will auction an exceptional selection of 20th Century Decorative Art & Design. Three separate auctions - *Important 20th Century Design from the Collection of George and Frayda Lindemann*, *Important Works of Art From Tiffany Studios*, and *Important 20th Century Decorative Art & Design*, include iconic works by the category's most distinguished creators, and are expected to achieve \$8.6-12.8 million..

Monday, December 15 at 2 pm

Important 20th Century Design from the Collection of George and Frayda Lindemann

This single-owner collection is one of the most exceptional private collections of 20th century French design, Art Deco furniture and objets d'art, to come to the market. The Lindemann Collection comprises iconic works by the most important and successful Art Deco designers and key works from the 1940's. The sale will include

furniture and objects from Mr. and Mrs. Lindemann's home in Palm Beach that was designed by renowned architect, Peter Marino. The 54 works that make up this collection will provide the rare opportunity to acquire a range of works by the finest Deco designers including sublime pieces by designers **Eugène Printz, Claude Lalanne, Paul Dupré-Lafon, Line Vautrin**, among others. The entire collection is expected to realize between \$3.5-5.4 million.



Among the highlights is a remarkable parchment, mahogany, leather and gilt-bronze desk by **Paul Dupré-Lafon**, from the 1940s (estimate: \$400,000-600,000) - pictured. A masterwork of artistry and

craftsmanship, the desk top inset has two macassary ebony lined compartments with sliding covers. The desk is accompanied by a leather upholstered stained wood and brass swivelling desk chair. Also by **Dupré-Lafon** is a stained oak and patinated bronze low table, containing a top inset exquisitely decorated with glass and gold leaf on the underside (estimate: \$300,000- 500,000).

Separate release available.

Tuesday, December 16 at 10 am

Important Works of Art From Tiffany Studios



This sale encompasses the full range of works by **Tiffany Studios**. Highlighting the auction is a stunning 'Wisteria' Leaded Glass and Bronze table Lamp, circa 1910 (estimate: \$200,000-300,000) - pictured. Additional table lamps featured are the 'Nasturtium' Leaded Glass and Gilt-Bronze Table Lamp, circa 1905 (estimate: \$100,000-150,000), and a 'Clematis' Leaded Glass and Bronze Table Lamp, circa 1910 (estimate: \$70,000-100,000).

An exquisite and rare **Tiffany Studios**, Turtleback Tile and Bronze Chandelier, circa 1905 (estimate: \$150,000-200,000) will also be featured - pictured. Important examples of glass will be offered as well, including a 'Morning Glory' Paperweight Glass Vase, circa 1914 (estimate: \$20,000-30,000) and a Leaded Glass Window, circa 1895 (estimate: \$25,000-35,000) and a 'Cypriote' Glass Vase, circa 1910 (estimate: \$8,000-12,000). The auction includes 53 lots, with an expected value of around \$1.8-2.6 million.



Tuesday, December 16 at 10:30 am

Important 20th Century Decorative Art & Design

This sale offers important furniture and objects from all major movements of the 20th and 21st centuries, such as Arts & Crafts, Art Nouveau and Art Deco through to French mid-century design and contemporary design. The sale is expected to realize a comprehensive total of \$3.3-4.8 million.

The sale is led by **Carlo Mollino's** outstanding 'Arabesque' table (estimate: \$800,000-1,200,000) - pictured. This unique and important example by Mollino is made of laminated plywood and glass and was executed in 1949 by Apelli & Varesio in Turin. Among the highlights is **Carlo Bugatti's** Silver Tray with



dragonflies, 1907 (estimate: \$35,000-55,000), a rare example of the designer's work in silver. Encircled by dragonflies, this alluring tray features an emblematic motif, which Bugatti employed throughout the duration of his career. The sale will also feature a Walnut Gaming Table, 1901 (estimate: \$40,000-60,000) by Arts and Crafts designer **Charles Rohlfs**. Celebrated at the turn of the twentieth century for his highly distinctive and inventive furniture designs, Rohlfs produced a limited but very distinguished body of work during his short career. The present work demonstrates Rohlfs' striking and graceful trademark carving, which can be seen on the legs of this exquisite table.

Additional highlights will include a **Line Vautrin** Chandelier from 1958 (estimate: \$100,000-150,000), a patinated bronze chair, 'Modèle Fondation Maeght', 1963 by **Diego Giacometti** (estimate: \$40,000-60,000), and an exquisite lacquer and *coquille d'oeuf* table, circa 1925 by Jean Dunand (estimate: \$150,000-180,000) -pictured. Also being offered is a group of works formerly in the collection of prominent interior designer Naomi Leff, including several Jean Dunand vases (estimates range from \$5,000-30,000). Among the contemporary works on offer is **Ron Arad's** 'All Light Long' table (estimate: \$100,000-150,000), designed in 2002.



Auction: December 15-16

Viewing: 20 Rockefeller Center

Friday December 11: 10am-5pm

Saturday December 12: 10am-5pm

Sunday December 13: 1pm-5pm

Monday December 14: 10am-5pm

Tuesday December 15: 10am-5pm

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