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DECEMBER LUXURY WEEK AT CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK TOTALS \$72.2 MILLION ACROSS SIX SALES





YEAR-ENDING SALES OF MAGNIFICENT JEWELS, WATCHES, WINE AND 20TH CENTURY DESIGN EXCEED ESTIMATES

New York – Christie's is pleased to announce its December *Luxury Week* of sales exceeded pre-sales estimates, achieving a combined total of \$72,213,770 (£44,772,537/ €54,882,465). This bi-annual sales series takes place at Christie's New York each June and December, offering an exciting finale to the spring and fall auction seasons. Between December 10 and 15, Christie's Rockefeller Center flagship was host to six auctions devoted to the finest in Jewelry, Watches, Wine and 20th Century Design, with over 1,000 items offered in total.

A summary of each of the major sale categories and their individual results are linked below:

CHRISTIE'S AMERICAS FALL 2012 LUXURY WEEK TOP LOTS OF EACH CATEGORY

<p>MAGNIFICENT JEWELS <i>Sale 2604</i> <i>Monday, 10 December</i> Sale Total: \$32,541,625 / £20,175,808 / €25,057,051 Click here to view Top Ten results</p>		<p>Sale 2604, Lot 278 A Magnificent Diamond Ring, by Graff A rectangular-cut, D color potentially flawless diamond ring of 50.01 cts, by <i>Graff</i> \$167,400 per carat Estimate: \$7,000,000 - 10,000,000 Price Realized: \$8,370,500/ £5,189,710/€6,445,285</p>
<p>INTERIORS, FEATURING PROPERTY SOLD TO BENEFIT THE BILLY & AUDREY L. WILDER FOUNDATION <i>Sale 2609</i> <i>Tuesday-Wednesday, 11-12 December</i> Sale Total: \$2,814,188 / £1,744,797 / €2,166,925</p>		<p>Sale 2609, Lot 186 Richard Stone Reeves (AMERICAN, 1919-2005) <i>Danzig</i> oil on canvas 36 x 42 in. (91.4 x 106.7 cm.) Painted in 1985 Estimate: \$8,000 - 12,000 Price Realized: \$47,500/£29,450/€36,100</p>

<p>THE STEVEN A. GREENBERG COLLECTION MASTERPIECES OF FRENCH ART DECO</p> <p>Sale 2651 Wednesday-Thursday, 12-13 December Sale Total: \$17,237,438 / £10,687,212 / €13,272,827 Click here to view Top Ten results</p>		<p>Sale 2651, Lot 32 Eileen Gray (1879-1976) A SIX-PANEL SCREEN, CIRCA 1922-25 lacquered, incised and painted wood each panel: 78½ in. (200 cm.) high, 17 in. (43.2 cm.) wide, 1/2 in. (1.3 cm.) deep Estimate: \$1,500,000 - 2,500,000 Price Realized: \$1,874,500/ £1,162,190/€1,443,365</p>
<p>IMPORTANT 20TH CENTURY DECORATIVE ART & DESIGN INCLUDING MAGNIFICENT TIFFANY</p> <p>Sales 2608 & 2653 Friday, 14 December Sale Total: \$5,987,250 / £3,712,095 / €4,550,310 Click here to view Top Ten results</p>		<p>Sale 2608, Lot 55 ALBERTO GIACOMETTI (1901-1966) FOR JEAN-MICHEL FRANK (1895-1941) A UNIQUE AND IMPORTANT CONSOLE AND BAS-RELIEF, 1939 carved marble console: 33¼ in. (85 cm.) high, 60½ in. (155 cm.) wide, 21¼ in. (56 cm.) deep Estimate: \$800,000 - 1,200,000 Price Realized: \$842,500/£522,350/€640,300</p>
<p>IMPORTANT WATCHES INCLUDING THE GORDON BETHUNE COLLECTION OF FIFTY EXCEPTIONAL VINTAGE WRISTWATCHES</p> <p>Sale 2610 Friday, 14 December Sale Total: \$12,202,625 / £7,565,628 / €9,273,995 Click here to view Top Ten results</p>		<p>Sale 2610, Lot 156 Patek Philippe, Reference 1518. 18K pink gold perpetual calendar chronograph wristwatch with moon phases and pink dial, manufactured in 1945. Estimate: \$600,000 - 900,000 Price Realized: \$674,500/£418,190/€512,620</p>
<p>FINE AND RARE WINES</p> <p>Sale 2619 Saturday, 15 December Sale Total: \$1,430,644 / £886,999 / €1,087,289 Click here to view Top Three results</p>		<p>Sale 2619, Lot 301 DRC Assortment--Vintage 1990 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1 dozen bottles per lot Estimate: \$35,000 - 50,000 Price Realized: \$45,980/£28,508/€34,945</p>

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