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A SUPERB PRIVATE COLLECTION

TO BE OFFERED
AT CHRISTIE'S GENEVA ON 15 MAY 2013



Geneva – Three exceptional jewels from a **Superb Private Collection** are amongst the most important lots on offer at Christie's Geneva spring auction on 15 May 2013. Each jewel represents the finest quality in the categories of 19th century jewellery, exceptional gemstones and contemporary makers. It is extremely rare to find such superlative jewels together in one collection.

Highlighting this superb private collection is an important oval-shaped D color, VVS1, potentially internally flawless diamond of 26.24 carats set as an elegant ring by the renowned jeweller Graff (estimate: SFr.2,250,000-3,250,000 / US\$2,400,000-3,400,000; *illustrated above left*). Equally extraordinary is an extremely refined Antique natural pearl and diamond *devant-de-corsage* brooch estimated at SFr.550,000-750,000 (US\$580,00-790,000; *illustrated right*). An outstanding example of 19th century craftsmanship, this brooch shows a



great use of diamonds, set to enhance the luminescence of the natural pearls. A recurring theme in jewelry, bows and knots have always been considered symbols of love. Ribbon



bow jewels first appeared in the mid-17th Century, when cloth ribbons suspending pendants were translated into similar designs made from precious stones and metal. Also on offer is an elegant rectangular-cut emerald and diamond ring, by Verdura estimated at SFr.40,000-60,000 (US\$43,000-63,000; *illustrated left*).

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GENEVA MAGNIFICENT JEWELS

Auction:

Four Seasons Hotel des Bergues, 33 quai des Bergues - Geneva
Wednesday 15 May 2013

Viewing:

Four Seasons Hotel des Bergues, 33 quai des Bergues - Geneva

Friday 10 May 10am – 6pm

Saturday 11 May 10am – 6pm

Sunday 12 May 10am – 7pm

Monday 13 May 10am – 6pm

Tuesday 14 May 10am – 6pm

Wednesday 15 May 10am – 1pm

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Christie's Hong Kong, 22nd Floor, Alexandra House, 18 Chater Road - Hong Kong

Friday 26 April 10am – 6pm

Saturday 27 April 10am – 5.30pm

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