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CHRISTIE'S CELEBRATES THE 15TH ANNUAL SALE OF *ANCIENT JEWELRY*



A Greek Gold Bracelet
Hellenistic Period, Circa 300 B.C.
4 7/8 in. (12.3 cm) wide
Estimate: \$150,000-250,000

New York – On 13 December, Christie's will present the 15th annual sale of *Ancient Jewelry*, featuring nearly 150 lots of exquisite craftsmanship from the ancient world. Offering a spectacular array of rings, bracelets, necklaces, and earrings from Greece, Rome, Egypt, and the Near East, this highly anticipated annual event is led by a Greek gold bracelet, circa 300 B.C., with a lion on a Herakles knot adorning the center. Thirteen lots from The Ligabue Family Collection will also be offered in the sale, including fifty-eight Sumerian Shell inlays, circa 2550-2400 B.C., and a fantastic group of Bactrian beaded necklaces. The sale is expected to realize in excess of \$1.3 million.

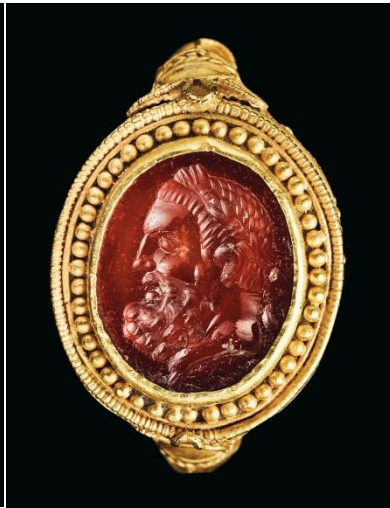
HIGHLIGHTS FROM ANCIENT JEWELRY



A Greek Gold And Garnet Strap Diadem
Hellenistic Period, Circa Late 4th-Early 3rd Century B.C.
9 ⁵/₈ in. (24.4 cm.) long
Estimate: \$25,000-35,000



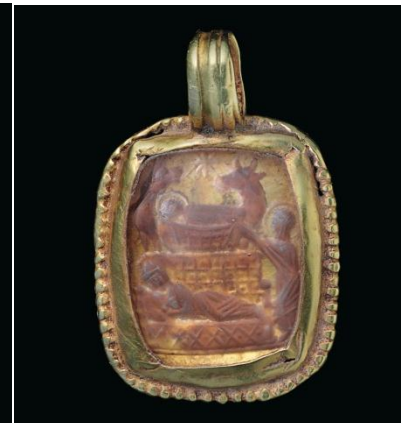
A Greek Gold and Carnelian Finger Ring
Hellenistic Period, Circa 330-300 B.C.
1 ¹/₁₆ in. (2.6 cm.) wide; ring size 8½
Estimate: \$120,000-180,000



A Mycenaean Gold Earring
Late Helladic II, Circa 13th Century B.C.
1 ³/₈ in. (3.4 cm) long
Estimate: \$5,000-7,000



A Mesopotamian Yellow Marble Theriomorphic Seal
Late Uruk-Jamdat Nasr Period, Circa 3300-2900 B.C.
1¼ in. (4.4 cm.) long
Estimate: \$30,000-50,000



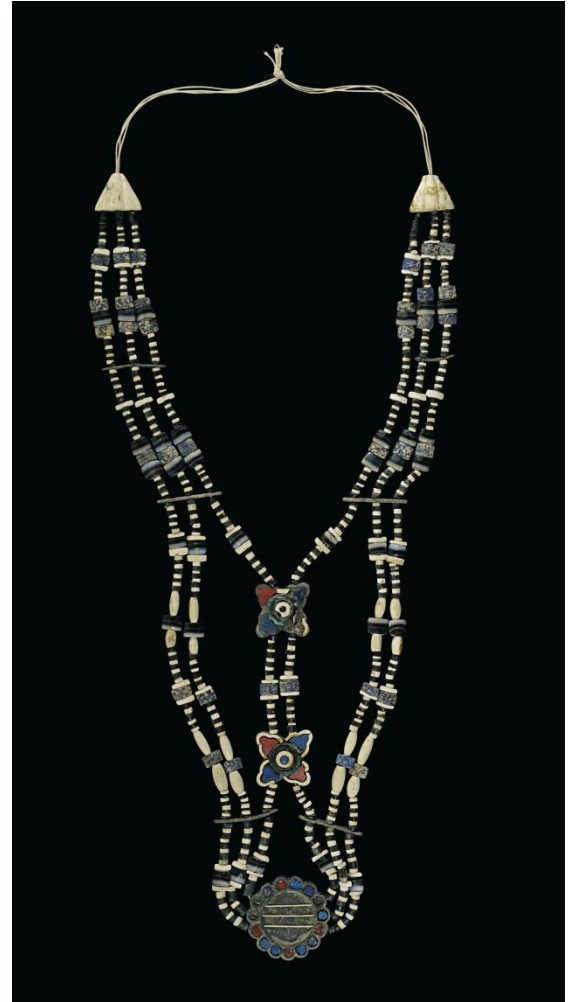
A Byzantine Gold And Rock Crystal Pendant
Circa 6th-7th Century A.D.
1 ³/₁₆ in. (3 cm.) long
Estimate: \$25,000-35,000



A European Gold Bracelet
 Circa 1st Century B.C.
 3 ¹/₈ in. (7.9 cm.) wide
 Estimate: \$8,000-12,000



Property from the Ligabue Family Collection
 Fifty-Eight Sumerian Shell Inlays (Two Illustrated)
 Early Dynastic IIIA, Circa 2550-2400 B.C.
 Largest: 1 1/2 in. (3.9 cm.) high (58)
 Estimate: \$40,000-60,000



Property from the Ligabue Family Collection
 A Bactrian Stone and Shell Bead Necklace
 Circa Late 3rd Millennium B.C.
 Hanging: 14 ⁵/₈ in. (37.1 cm.) long
 Estimate: \$12,000-18,000

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About Christie's

Christie's, the world's leading art business, reached a total of £2.4 billion/\$3.68 billion in global auction and private sales in the first six months of 2013. In 2012, global auction and private sales totaled £3.92 billion/\$6.27 billion, marking the highest annual revenue ever reached by Christie's. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service and expertise, as well as international glamour. Founded in 1766 by James Christie, Christie's has since conducted the greatest and most celebrated auctions through the centuries providing a popular showcase for the unique and the beautiful. Christie's offers over 450 auctions annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewelry, photography, collectibles, wine, and more. Prices range from \$200 to over \$100 million. Christie's also has a long and successful history conducting private sales for its clients in all categories, with an emphasis on Post-War and Contemporary, Impressionist and Modern, Old Masters and Jewelry. Global private sales totaled £465 million/\$711 million in the first half year of 2013, an increase of 13% from the same period last year, breaking the sales record of half year private sales for Christie's and the art market for three consecutive years.

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