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CHRISTIE'S MAGNIFICENT JEWELS AND THE CULLINAN DREAM

NEW YORK LIVE AUCTION: THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016
JEWELS ONLINE AUCTION: FRIDAY, JUNE 3 - JUNE 13, 2016



THE CULLINAN DREAM

24.18 CARATS
THE LARGEST FANCY INTENSE BLUE DIAMOND OFFERED AT AUCTION
ESTIMATE: \$23,000,000 - \$29,000,000

New York – Christie's is proud to announce for sale in New York *Magnificent Jewels and The Cullinan Dream* on Thursday, June 9. The sale is comprised of 260 lots, with estimates ranging from \$4,000 to \$23,000,000, including exceptional fancy colored and colorless diamonds, colored gemstones, natural pearls, and more. Further illuminating the sale are signed pieces from private collections and estates, including Buccellati, Bulgari, Cartier, David Webb, Graff, Tiffany & Co., Van Cleef & Arpels and more.

The sale is led by the **Cullinan Dream**, the largest Fancy Intense Blue Diamond offered at auction. The Cullinan Dream is the largest of four blue diamond's cut from the extraordinary 122.52 carat rough discovered in 2014 at the legendary Cullinan mine. The mine is famous for yielding the 530.20 Cullinan I, which is the largest polished white diamond in existence and is part of the British Crown Jewels housed in the Tower of London. In recent years, the Cullinan mine has been associated with some of the most significant blue and pink diamonds to come to market. The Cullinan Dream is set with classic baguette-cut diamonds that frame this incredibly beautiful, rare, and historic diamond.

Rahul Kadakia, Christie's International Head of Jewelry: "Selling the world record **Oppenheimer Blue** diamond for \$57.5 million during our Geneva May 18 Magnificent Jewels sale was a great honor and we look forward to continuing this success with the **Cullinan Dream**, the largest Fancy Intense blue diamond to come to auction. The success of the Oppenheimer Blue speaks to the international demand and market value of these exemplary colored diamonds and with the Cullinan Dream, Christie's is proud to present another opportunity for collectors to acquire a rare gem being offered for the first time at auction."

Other exceptional diamonds in the sale include an impressive **Oval Cut Diamond Ring** of 52.76 carats (bottom right), a **Pair of Important Diamond Ear Pendants** of 21.21 and 20.80 carats (bottom middle) and a **Fancy Intense Yellow Diamond Ring** of 51.06 carats (bottom left).

Complementing the live sale, **Christie's Jewels Online**, running from June 3 – June 13, will feature a broad selection of highly sought-after pieces that encompass a selection of signed vintage, retro and art deco jewelry designs.

The ***Magnificent Jewels and The Cullinan Dream*** auction will be on public view June 3 through June 8, at **Christie's New York Rockefeller Center galleries**. Highlights are included below. Browse complete sale [HERE](#) and [click for full E-Catalogue](#).



A FANCY INTENSE YELLOW DIAMOND RING
OF 51.06 CARATS
ESTIMATE: \$1,300,000 – 1,800,000



A PAIR OF DIAMOND EAR PENDANTS
OF 21.21 AND 20.80 CARATS
ESTIMATE: \$1,000,000 – 1,500,000



AN IMPRESSIVE DIAMOND RING
OF 52.76 CARATS
ESTIMATE: \$1,800,000 – 2,200,000



A PAIR OF MULTI-GEM AND DIAMOND
EAR PENDANTS,
BY VAN CLEEF & ARPELS
ESTIMATE: \$40,000 – 60,000



A COLORED SAPPHIRE NECKLACE,
BY DAVID WEBB
ESTIMATE: \$60,000 – 80,000



AN ART DECO AQUAMARINE AND DIAMOND
BRACELET,
BY CARTIER
ESTIMATE: \$150,000 – 200,000

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