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CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK MAGNIFICENT JEWELS

DECEMBER 7, 2016
20 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
250th ANNIVERSARY SELECTION
PROMINENT PRIVATE ESTATE COLLECTIONS
INCLUDING ICONIC JEWELS FROM THE ESTATE OF BETSY BLOOMINGDALE

CHRISTIE'S ONLINE JEWELS, DECEMBER 1-9
CHRISTIE'S ONLINE CUFFLINKS FOR THE MODERN GENTLEMAN, DECEMBER 1-13



A MAGNIFICENT DIAMOND RING

Set with a rectangular-cut D color potentially IF diamond
of 51.35 carats
\$5,000,000-7,000,000

New York - Christie's announces the New York auction of **Magnificent Jewels** on Wednesday, December 7 with more than 300 lots on offer and estimates ranging from \$5,000 to \$5,000,000. Highlights include exceptional fancy colored and colorless diamonds, colored gemstones, and signed jewels from Buccellati, Bulgari, Cartier, David Webb, Graff, Harry Winston, JAR, Oscar Heyman & Brothers, Tiffany & Co., Van Cleef & Arpels and more.

Exceptional lots from prominent US private collections comprise the breadth of the sale. Highly sought-after signed jewels include Art-Deco Cartier from the Blair Family Collection, a pair of JAR quartz and diamond brooches within the Collection of Robert and Sylvia Olnick and a stunning multi-gem and diamond necklace by Oscar Heyman & Brothers from a prominent Rancho Santa Fe collection. Important gems from The Lichtblau Collection comprise an impressive fancy intense yellow diamond ring of 34.56 carats and a rare F color rectangular cut diamond ring of 18.37 carats. A Superb Collection of Important Gemstones from a Private Collection include The Burma Blue a sensational Burmese sapphire ring of 75.41 carats, The Mandalay Blue, a superb Burmese sapphire ring of 31.38 carats, and a D color Internally Flawless diamond ring of 22.72 carats.

Christie's is also honored to be entrusted with property from the Estate of Betsy Bloomingdale. The private collection, **Betsy Bloomingdale: A Life in Style**, will be offered across two Christie's sales, beginning with iconic pieces of her jewelry collection in **Magnificent Jewels**. Synonymous with style, glamour, and philanthropy, the collection of Betsy Bloomingdale will offer a group of spectacular lots, including a sweep of stunning Harry Winston jewels: an impressive diamond ring, a diamond cluster necklace, a pair of cluster earrings and a diamond cluster waterfall brooch.

Magnificent Jewels will conclude the special celebration of Christie's 250th anniversary year with a dedicated sale section that evokes and celebrates significant Christie's jewels sales, by reoffering an assortment of jewels from historic sales. A main highlight includes a pair of 'mystery-set' sapphire and diamond ear pendants, by Van Cleef & Arpels, formerly from the Collection of Elizabeth Taylor, sold at Christie's New York, The Legendary Jewels, Evening Sale on December 13, 2011.



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Complementing the live sale, **Christie's Jewels Online**, December 1 – 9, offers a dynamic assortment of signed modern, vintage, and retro designs. A standalone online sale from December 1 -13, **Cufflinks for the Modern Gentleman**, presents unique cufflinks suitable for all occasions and gifting needs this holiday season.

PROPERTY FROM THE ESTATE OF BETSY BLOOMINGDALE



A legendary hostess who entertained in couture and Harry Winston jewels, Mrs. Bloomingdale embodied the intelligence and verve of a new generation of American women.

Few society figures remain as iconic as Betsy Bloomingdale. A true emblem of glamor and style, she epitomized the confidence of a post war United States: a moment in history in which the sun-soaked terraces and candle-lit tables of Southern California captured the world's imagination. Forever draped in haute couture, jewels, and an irresistible smile, Betsy Bloomingdale was a woman defined by exuberant, joyful elegance.

From a young age, the collector learned the hallmarks of good taste in the California fashion: a combination of intuition, confidence, and compassion that reached beyond wealth and background to transform acquaintances such as Cary Grant and Jimmy Stewart into international stars. "Style," Mrs. Bloomingdale often remarked in later years. "Everyone has it, anyone can get it."

In 1946, Betsy Bloomingdale married department store heir and future Diners Club chairman Alfred S Bloomingdale, the "father of the credit card" with whom she would have three children. Throughout the latter decades of the twentieth century, the Bloomingdales came to stand as influential figures in business, politics, culture, and fashion. With homes in Los Angeles, New York, and Washington, they inhabited the world of the newly inaugurated jet set. Amongst their inner circle, the Bloomingdales counted some of America's most notable families: names such as Kempner, Buckley, Forbes, Paley, Annenberg and, most famously, Reagan.



**A DIAMOND CLUSTER NECKLACE,
BY HARRY WINSTON**
ESTIMATE: \$400,000 – 600,000



**A DIAMOND RING,
BY HARRY WINSTON**
Set with a pear brilliant-cut diamond, weighing 29.01 cts
ESTIMATE: \$1,300,000 – 1,800,000



**A DIAMOND CLUSTER BROOCH,
BY HARRY WINSTON**
ESTIMATE: \$100,000 – 150,000



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DIAMONDS

Christie's continues to offer the most important and rare diamonds available on the market today:



PROPERTY OF A GENTLEMAN
**AN EXCEPTIONAL FANCY INTENSE ORANGY
PINK DIAMOND RING OF 12.88CTS**
BY HARRY WINSTON
ESTIMATE: \$3,500,000 – 4,500,000



PROPERTY FROM THE LICHTBLAU COLLECTION
**AN IMPRESSIVE FANCY INTENSE YELLOW DIAMOND RING
OF 34.56CTS**
ESTIMATE: \$700,000 – 1,000,000



**A RARE FANCY VIVID YELLOWISH ORANGE DIAMOND
RING OF 6.94CTS**
ESTIMATE: \$800,000 – 1,200,000

SIGNED JEWELS

Unique signed pieces from top international designers:



PROPERTY OF AN IMPORTANT RANCHO
SANTA FE COLLECTOR
A RUBY AND DIAMOND FLOWER BROOCH
BY OSCAR HEYMAN & BROTHERS
ESTIMATE: \$130,000 – 230,000



PROPERTY OF A LADY
AN ELEGANT DIAMOND NECKLACE
BY GRAFF
ESTIMATE: \$400,000 – 600,000



PROPERTY FROM THE BLAIR FAMILY COLLECTION
**AN ART DECO RUBY, EMERALD AND DIAMOND
ELEPHANT BROOCH**
BY RENÉ BOVIN
ESTIMATE: \$50,000 – 70,000



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COLORED GEMSTONES

Christie's is proud to present an impressive selection of exceptional emeralds, rubies and sapphires this December:



AN EXCEPTIONAL RUBY AND DIAMOND RING OF 10.10CTS
ESTIMATE: \$900,000 – 1,200,000



PROPERTY OF AN IMPORTANT RANCHO SANTA FE COLLECTOR
A MULTI-GEM AND DIAMOND NECKLACE
BY OSCAR HEYMAN & BROTHERS
ESTIMATE: \$40,000 – 60,000



A SUPERB COLLECTION OF IMPORTANT GEMSTONES
THE BURMA BLUE
A SENSATIONAL SAPPHIRE RING OF 75.41CTS
ESTIMATE: \$3,000,000 – 5,000,000

250th ANNIVERSARY

This special section celebrates the story of Christie's and its 250 years as the world's leading jewelry auction house:



PROPERTY OF A PRIVATE COLLECTOR
A PAIR OF 'MYSTERY-SET' SAPPHIRE AND DIAMOND EAR PENDANTS
BY VAN CLEEF & ARPELS
ESTIMATE: \$220,000 – 300,000

Provenance: Formerly from the collection of Elizabeth Taylor



THE COLLECTION OF ROBERT AND SYLVIA OLNICK
THREE SAPPHIRE, RUBY AND DIAMOND 'HONEYCOMB' BRACELETS
BY RENÉ BOIVIN
ESTIMATE: \$60,000 – 80,000

Provenance: Formerly from the collection of Madame Hélène Rochas



AN ART DECO DIAMOND AND EMERALD BRACELET
BY DREICER & CO.
ESTIMATE: \$45,000 – 55,000



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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

NEW YORK, ROCKEFELLER CENTER VIEWING TIMES:

- December 2: 12:00pm - 6:00pm
- December 3-5: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- December 6: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

NEW YORK PRESS PREVIEW | SAVE THE DATE:

- Friday, December 2: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Christie's Galleries, 20 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020
 - Photographers and Camera Crews : 10:00am B-Roll

BROWSE ENTIRE CATALOGUE:

- Magnificent Jewels New York

BROWSE LOT DETAILS:

- Magnificent Jewels Details

BETSY BLOOMINGDALE: A LIFE IN STYLE

- A dedicated auction to follow in Spring 2017 at Christie's New York.

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About Christie's

Christie's, the world's leading art business, had global auction and private sales in the first half of 2014 that totaled £2.69 / \$4.47 billion, making it the highest half year total in Christie's history. 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 around 450 auctions annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewellery, photographs, 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 emphasis on Post-War & Contemporary, Impressionist & Modern, Old Masters and Jewellery. Private sales in the first half of 2014 totalled £498.9 million (\$828.2 million).

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