

## CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK WATCHES

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RARE WATCHES: THE AUCTION, DECEMBER 6

EXCEPTIONAL VINTAGE AND MODERN FRESH-TO-MARKET WATCHES
NAUTILUS 40 PART IV ANNIVERSARY SELECTION
CHRISTIE'S WATCHES ONLINE, DECEMBER 8-14



**New York -** Christie's New York will proudly conclude the international fall watch season with **IMPORTANT WATCHES**, **INCLUDING NAUTILUS 40 PART IV**, on Tuesday December 6, 2016. Fresh-to-market watches, presented in near mint condition, include limited edition models and unprecedented historical discoveries. More than 250 watches will include modern, vintage and sport watches from Audemars Piguet, Cartier, Jaeger-LeCoultre, Vacheron Constantin, Omega, Patek Philippe, Rolex, and many more.

Christie's will also present one of the most important collections of pocket watches offered in recent years with two unprecedented lots leading the selection. The Patek Philippe 18k Gold Hunter Case Minute Repeating Perpetual Calendar Split-Second Pocket Watch, commissioned in 1904, is a highly exceptional timepiece of unique provenance. Bespoke for an esteemed Louisiana holistic practitioner, the tailor-made specifications in this watch are unparalleled, including a fitted hunter case, highly complicated movement and hand-made custom enamel dial.

The Patek Philippe Pope Pius IX Jubilee pocket-watch presents a one-of-a kind discovery; this watch was gifted to Pope Pius IX, the longest reigning Pope in history, by the Swiss branch of the Catholic organization Piuseverin in 1877. The exceptional open face pocket-watch will likely be the last time that a Patek Philippe with Papal origin will ever be offered. Click here for further cataloguing notes.

The sale also features an impressive assortment of wristwatches, pocket watches as well as ladies pendant watches and desk clocks retailed by Tiffany & Co, led by a notable grouping of signed Patek Philippe watches from the 19th century to today. The sale will also conclude with part IV of the global **NAUTILUS 40** anniversary sales, offering ten models that embody the coveted design and aesthetic of the watch.

**John Reardon, Christie's International Head of Watches**: "To celebrate Christie's 250th anniversary I can think of no better way than ending the year presenting just over 250 timepieces that define Christie's dedication to finding fresh to market exciting horological discoveries across all price points. From a few thousand dollars to over a half million dollars, this sale has something for everyone from



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the experienced collector to the first time buyer discovering the incredible value and excitement of buying at auction. We expect a full salesroom, spirited bidding, and a true celebration of the watch community when we come together in NY for this exhibition and sale." Further highlights include the historically important discovery of the **18k Gold Vacheron Constantin Wristwatch**, **Ref. 6351**, given to Astronaut Edgar D. Mitchell in Commemoration of Space Mission Apollo 14 in 1971. Additional noteworthy lots included below. Complementing the live sale, **Christie's Watches Online**, December 8 – 14, offers a dynamic assortment of modern and vintage timepieces suitable for all occasions and gifting needs this holiday season.



ROLEX
A VERY FINE AND RARE STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC
DUAL TIME WRISTWATCH

SIGNED ROLEX, OYSTER PERPETUAL, GMT-MASTER REF. 1675 CIRCA 1974 ESTIMATE: 60,000 – 120,000 USD



TUDOR
A STAINLESS STEEL AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH
SIGNED TUDOR, OYSTER-PRINCE SUBMARINER
REF. 7924 CIRCA 1959
ESTIMATE: 40,000 – 60,000 USD



HEUER
A STAINLESS STEEL CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH
SIGNED HEUER, ABERCROMBIE & FITCH CO.,
SEAFARER MODEL
REF. 2443 CIRCA 1955
ESTIMATE: 10,000 – 15,000 USD



PATEK PHILIPPE
AN 18K GOLD CHRONOGRAPH WRISTWATCH WITH
BREGEUT NUMERALS AND BLACK DIAL

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RETAILED BY TIFFANY & CO. REF. 5170G CIRCA 2015 ESTIMATE: 30,000 – 50,000 USD



PATEK PHILIPPE A FINE 18K GOLD WRISTWATCH WITH CENTER SECONDS

REF. 2508 CIRCA 1961 ESTIMATE: 20,000 – 40,000 USD



PATEK PHILIPPE A FINE 18K GOLD AUTOMATIC WRISTWATCH WITH BLACK ENAMEL DIAL

REF. 2526 CIRCA 1957 ESTIMATE: 50,000 – 100,000 USD



### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

#### NEW YORK, ROCKEFELLER CENTER VIEWING TIMES:

• December 2 - 3: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

• December 4: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

• December 5: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

#### **BROWSE ENTIRE CATALOGUE:**

• New York Important Watches

#### **BROWSE LOT DETAILS:**

• New York Important Watches Details

#### CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK LUXURY SALES:

December New York Sales

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