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CHRISTIE'S JEWELS THE ROCKEFELLER EMERALD

**MAGNIFICENT JEWELS AND THE ROCKEFELLER EMERALD LIVE AUCTION
JUNE 20th NEW YORK SALE HIGHLIGHT**



THE ROCKEFELLER EMERALD

AN EMERALD AND DIAMOND RING, BY RAYMOND YARD
Set with an octagonal step-cut emerald of approximately 18.04 carats
Estimate: \$4,000,000-6,000,000

New York – Christie's New York proudly announces *The Rockefeller Emerald* highlighting its **June 20th Magnificent Jewels New York** auction. Sold on behalf of a private American Collector, this historically important gemstone is among the finest emeralds to be offered for sale at auction (Estimate: \$4,000,000 – \$6,000,000).

This stunning emerald was acquired in 1930 by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. as the centerpiece of a brooch given to his wife, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller. Upon her death in 1948 the 18.04 carat emerald was bequeathed to their youngest son, David Rockefeller. Honoring the trusted relationship formed by his father, David Rockefeller called upon Raymond Yard to design a setting that would perfectly highlight the superior quality and beauty of what had become a family gemstone. Mr. Yard successfully executed one of his most important private commissions. This stunning stone later passed from the Rockefeller family into private ownership and is being offered on behalf of An Important American Collector, who acquired it over a decade ago, and still maintains the same magnificent setting nearly seventy years later.

Tom Burstein, Head of US Jewelry: "*The Rockefeller Emerald is one of the best gemstones to ever be offered at auction and its superior beauty and quality are matched only by its historic name. Christie's is especially proud to be offering this Raymond Yard ring in the heart of Rockefeller Center, in our New York Saleroom.*"

Further June 20th Magnificent Jewels sale details and property highlights to come.

SALE DATE:

LIVE AUCTION: TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017: 10AM & 2PM
ONLINE AUCTION: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 – JUNE 21, 2017

CHRISTIE'S SPRING 2017 GLOBAL LIVE JEWELS SALES CALENDAR:

MAGNIFICENT JEWELS GENEVA
WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY, 2017

MAGNIFICENT JEWELS HONG KONG
TUESDAY, 30 MAY, 2017

MAGNIFICENT JEWELS NEW YORK
TUESDAY, 20 JUNE, 2017

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**Estimates do not include buyer's premium. Sales totals are hammer price plus buyer's premium and are reported net of applicable fees.*

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