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CHRISTIE'S PRESENTS THE DISTINGUISHED LE CONG TANG COLLECTION

TO LEAD THE NOVEMBER SALE OF CHINESE CERAMICS & WORKS OF ART



A FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE YELLOW-ENAMELLED BOWL
XUANDE INCISED SIX-CHARACTER MARK WITHIN
A DOUBLE CIRCLE AND OF THE PERIOD (1426-1435)
6 in. (15.2 cm.) diam.
HK\$26,000,000-35,000,000

Provenance:

Sold at Christie's Hong Kong, 25 October 1993, lot 732
Eskenazi Ltd, London
Sold at Sotheby's Hong Kong, The Meiyintang
Collection Part III, 4 April 2012, lot 15



A HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND EXTREMELY RARE *WUCUI* 'FISH'
JAR AND COVER
JIAJING SIX-CHARACTER MARK IN UNDERGLAZE BLUE
AND OF THE PERIOD (1522-1566)
18 1/8 in. (46 cm.)
Estimate on Request

Provenance:

J.M. Hu Family Collection
Sotheby's New York, 1 December 1992, lot 282
Sotheby's Hong Kong, An Extraordinary Collection of Ming and
Qing Imperial Porcelain and Works of Art from a Private Trust, 29
October 2000, lot 18



A HIGHLY IMPORTANT CINNABAR *TIXI* LACQUER
HEXAGONAL EWER
JIAJING INCISED SIX-CHARACTER MARK AND OF
THE PERIOD (1522-1566)
9 3/8 in. (23.8 cm.) high
HK\$6,000,000-8,000,000

Provenance:

Sold at Christie's London, 14 December 1983, lot 54
Sold at Christie's Hong Kong, Important Chinese
Lacquer from the Lee Family Collection, 3 December
2008, lot 2126

Hong Kong – This Autumn a series of extraordinary works from the celebrated Le Cong Tang collection will be offered for auction, forming a focal point for the season. This renowned collection has been meticulously amassed with a discerning eye and the selection to be offered comprises exquisite items created during the Ming dynasty.

Leading the collection is the magnificent *Wucui* Fish Jar and Cover, produced during the Jiajing reign. *Wucui* fish jars complete with the original covers are exceptionally rare, and have been items of admiration and reverence by connoisseurs throughout centuries.

Aside from the present piece, only three other Jiajing fish jars complete with a cover appear to have been sold at auction.

The jar was formerly in the collection of J.M Hu (Hu Jenmou) (1910-1993), one of most illustrious Chinese private collectors of the 20th Century. The J.M Hu collection is revered for its broad but well-focused vision, encompassing the finest of imperial ceramics through the ages.

This work along with other highlights including a Xuande Yellow-Enamelled Bowl (top left) and a *Tixi* Lacquer Hexagonal Ewer (top right) are expected to attract spirited bidding this autumn, as collectors vie for the opportunity to acquire some of the few remaining works of this type in private hands.

With the collection's exceptional provenance and exceeding rarity, this sale represents an unparalleled opportunity to acquire some of the finest treasures from the Ming dynasty.

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