

# CHRISTIE'S

MEDIA ALERT | FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE | NOVEMBER 20, 2017

## CHRISTIE'S WATCHES NEW YORK: AN EVENING OF EXCEPTIONAL WATCHES

**LIVE AUCTION: Thursday, December 7, 2017**  
**ONLINE AUCTION: November 30 – December 14, 2017**



### **Patek Philippe**

An Exceptionally Fine and Rare 18k Gold Perpetual  
Calendar Chronograph Wristwatch  
Reference 2499, First Series, Circa 1952  
Estimate: \$500,000 - 1,000,000



### **Patek Philippe**

An Extremely Fine and Rare Platinum Automatic  
Minute Repeating Wristwatch  
Reference 3979  
Estimate: : \$300,000 – 500,000



### **Rolex**

An Extremely Rare and Important Stainless Steel  
Chronograph Wristwatch  
Reference 6263, "RCO", Circa 1969  
Estimate: \$500,000 – 1,000,000

**New York** – Christie's New York announces an **Evening of Exceptional Watches** on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The auction will offer a carefully curated selection of 100 distinct lots that are predominately fresh-to-market and in mint condition, with estimates up to \$1,000,000.

Highlights will include modern, vintage and sport watches from Blancpain, Breitling, Cartier, Jaeger-LeCoultre, Omega, Rolex, Tornek Rayville, F.P. Journe and more. Rare Patek Philippe models include **An Exceptionally Fine 18k Gold Perpetual Calendar Chronograph Wristwatch Reference 2499, First Series, Circa 1952** (Estimate: \$500,000 - 1,000,000), and **an Extremely Rare Platinum Automatic Minute Repeating Wristwatch with Enamel Dial, Reference 3979, Circa 1996**. (Estimate: \$300,000 – 500,000).

The sale will proudly present an **American Icons** section with property formerly belonging to prominent American athletes, celebrities and well-known personalities including watches once owned by Jazz Musician Billie Holiday, Former First Lady Mamie Eisenhower, Stock Car Racing Driver Marvin Panch and more. The section is highlighted by the **Joe DiMaggio Patek Philippe Reference 130** and **The Amelia Earhart Tiffany & Co. Travel Watch**. These historically important watches offer two of the most important historic artifacts to surface in recent years from the golden era of baseball and aviation. (Estimate: \$150,000 – 300,000, Estimate: \$60,000 – 120,000).

Public preview of this sale includes a full exhibition at **Christie's 20 Rockefeller Center Galleries December 1 – December 6**. Further highlights and details are included below.

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**Breitling**  
A Stainless Steel Chronograph  
AVI 765, Circa 1961  
Estimate: \$12,000 – 18,000



**Omega**  
An 18k gold Speedmaster with Skeletonized Dial  
Circa 1992  
Estimate: \$40,000 – 60,000



**Tornek Rayville**  
An Extremely Rare Automatic Stainless  
Steel Anti-Magnetic Diver's Wristwatch  
Made for the US Navy  
Estimate: \$50,000 – 100,000



**Cresarrow Watch Co.**  
**Signed Tiffany & Co.**  
A Fine Silver Travel Watch

*Formerly Belonging to  
American Aviation Pioneer  
Amelia Mary Earhart*  
Estimate: \$60,000 - 120,000

Case: Silver, inside case back  
engraved; To Amelia, In Sincere  
Admiration, Amy, outside case with  
monogram; AE



**Patek Philippe**  
A Rare and Historically Important 18k Gold  
Chronograph Wristwatch with Breguet Numerals

*Formerly Belonging to American Major  
League Baseball Legend Joe DiMaggio*  
Estimate: \$150,000 – 300,000



**Gruen**  
A Fine Platinum and Diamond-Set Bracelet Watch

*Formerly Belonging to American Jazz  
Musician Billie Holiday*  
Estimate: \$12,000 – 18,000

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**NEW YORK, ROCKEFELLER CENTER PUBLIC VIEWING TIMES:**

- Friday, 1 December – Tuesday, 5 December: 10AM – 6PM
- Wednesday, 6 Dec: 10AM – 3PM

**NEW YORK PRESS PREVIEW | BY APPOINTMENT: Christie's Galleries, 20 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020**

- Friday, 1 December: 10AM – 12PM
- Monday, 4 December – Wednesday, 6 Dec: 10AM – 3PM

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**BROWSE PROPERTY**

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**CHRISTIE'S FALL 2017 GLOBAL WATCHES SALES CALENDAR:**

**IMPORTANT WATCHES & AN EVENING OF VINTAGE WRISTWATCHES | HONG KONG**

MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 2017

**WATCHES ONLINE**

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER – 14 DECEMBER, 2017

**AN EVENING OF EXCEPTIONAL WATCHES | NEW YORK**

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 2017

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*\*Please note when quoting estimates above that other fees will apply in addition to the hammer price - see Section D of the Conditions of Sale at the back of the sale catalogue.*

*\*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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*Images available on request*