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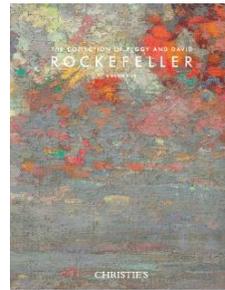
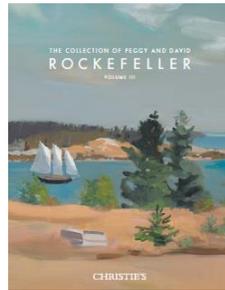
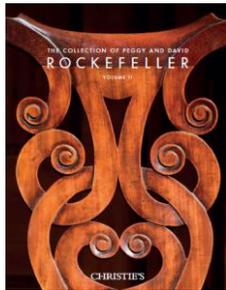
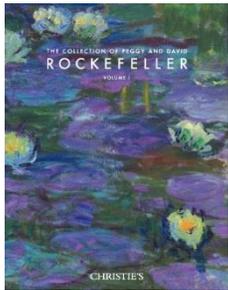
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## THE COLLECTION OF PEGGY AND DAVID ROCKEFELLER

### CHRISTIE'S ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF EXHIBITIONS, SALES, TICKETS AND CATALOGUES

MAY 1-11 ONLINE SALE | MAY 8, 9 & 10 SALEROOM AUCTIONS

[CATALOGUES NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE](#)



### FIRST LOOK AT COMPLETE COLLECTION OF MORE THAN 1,000 ITEMS OF DECORATIVE ART AND 550 WORKS OF FINE ART

- TWO EVENING SALES OF EUROPEAN, AMERICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN MASTERPIECES
- ONLINE SALES OF FINE AND DECORATIVE ARTS ACROSS EIGHT COLLECTING THEMES
  - ALL ESTATE PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT PHILANTHROPY

### PUBLIC HIGHLIGHTS EXHIBITIONS CONTINUE AROUND THE GLOBE

- LOS ANGELES APRIL 6 –12
- BEIJING APRIL 6 – 7
- SHANGHAI APRIL 10 –11
- NEW YORK APRIL 28 – MAY 8

### FREE TICKETS TO EXTENDED EXHIBITION AT CHRISTIE'S ROCKEFELLER CENTER AVAILABLE ONLINE

TOURS AND EXHIBITIONS PRESENTED BY VISTAJET

**New York** – Christie's announces final details of the most anticipated art world event of the spring season: the sale of the magnificent **Collection of Peggy and David Rockefeller**. All of the estate proceeds will be directed to a dozen philanthropies Peggy and David Rockefeller supported during their lifetimes, for the benefit of continuing scientific research, higher education, support for the arts, sustainable economic development, and land conservation initiatives, among others. New confirmed details include the complete schedule of live and online sales, illustrated catalogues available online, remaining US and Asia highlights tours and locations, and ticket information to attend the special extended public exhibition of the Collection at Rockefeller Center

in New York from April 28 – May 8. The global tour and exhibitions are presented in partnership with VistaJet. In total, the Collection is expected to realize in excess of \$500 million.

## LOS ANGELES TOUR

West Coast collectors and jewelry enthusiasts will get a first look at the Collection highlights between April 6 and 12, when Christie’s brings a selection of masterpieces and Rockefeller family jewels to its flagship West Coast gallery in Beverly Hills. The touring exhibition was curated with the tastes and interests of Christie’s clients in mind, with rare works by American artists **Georgia O’Keeffe, Edward Hopper, and Willem de Kooning** exhibited alongside masterpieces by **Pablo Picasso, Claude Monet, and Paul Gauguin**. In addition, Christie’s LA will unveil **Diego Rivera’s** rarely-exhibited large-scale master work, *The Rivals*, painted in 1931 aboard the ship carrying Rivera and Frida Kahlo to New York. A collection of jewelry owned by Peggy Rockefeller will be included in the Los Angeles previews, featuring signed pieces by **Van Cleef & Arpels, Jean Schlumberger** for Tiffany & Co., and **Raymond Yard**, among others.

## SALE SCHEDULE

The Collection of Peggy and David Rockefeller comprises approximately 1,550 auction lots, including one of the largest and most important collections of decorative arts to come to market in decades. Christie’s will offer 900 lots via live saleroom auctions at its Rockefeller Center site on May 8, 9 and 10. A companion online sale – which opens for bidding worldwide on May 1– will feature an additional 650 lots organized across eight collecting themes, with estimates ranging from \$100 to \$10,000. Through this unique integration of sale channels, Christie’s brings traditional decorative arts to the forefront, leveraging a sophisticated digital marketing approach and ‘guest-stylist’ partnerships with top tastemakers, interior designers, and social media influencers.

**Marc Porter, Christie’s Chairman, Americas** added: *“This rich and diverse collection of fine and decorative art is unified by Peggy and David Rockefeller’s love of beauty and their unerring eye for exceptional quality and craftsmanship in design. The size and scope of this great collection has inspired us to innovate new approaches to our traditional sale model and leverage our world-class online sale platform as only Christie’s can. The result is a dynamic week of saleroom auctions, including not one but two Evening Sales of masterworks from European, American and Latin American artists and a stellar offering of Decorative Arts across a range of categories. Our online sale, which is organized along the themes and motifs that resonated most with Peggy and David Rockefeller, brings this Collection to life in a fresh and exciting way, and is designed to make it both easy and enjoyable for collectors from all around the world to participate in this singular philanthropic event.”*

### THE COLLECTION OF PEGGY AND DAVID ROCKEFELLER | LIVE SALES

8-May	7:00PM	<i>19th and 20th Century Art, Evening Sale</i>
9-May	10:00AM	<i>English and European Furniture, Ceramics and Decorations, Part I</i>
9-May	7:00PM	<i>Art of the Americas, Evening Sale</i>
10-May	10:00AM	<i>Fine Art, Day Sale</i>
10-May	~12:30PM	<i>English and European Furniture, Ceramics and Decorations, Part II</i>
10-May	~7:00PM	<i>Travel and Americana</i>

### THE COLLECTION OF PEGGY AND DAVID ROCKEFELLER | ONLINE SALE

Bidding Starts	Bidding Ends	Themes
1-May	9-May	<i>Personal Mementos</i>
1-May	9-May	<i>Lamps and Lighting</i>
1-May	9-May	<i>Birds, Bugs, &amp; Beasts</i>
1-May	9-May	<i>A Passion for Porcelain</i>
1-May	10-May	<i>Dining in Japan</i>
1-May	10-May	<i>Setting the Table</i>
1-May	11-May	<i>At Home in the City</i>
1-May	11-May	<i>At Home in the Country</i>

Following the main auction week, Christie's will offer a selection of 19 lots of jewelry from the family collection as a highlights of its **Magnificent Jewels** sale in New York on June 12. The jewelry will be exhibited as part of the extended exhibition in New York, and the highlights tour to Los Angeles.

## NEW YORK EXHIBITION & TICKETS

**April 28 - May 8**

### CHRISTIE'S IN ROCKEFELLER CENTER, NEW YORK

Christie's concludes the worldwide tour of highlights from the Collection with a full-scale grand public exhibition throughout Christie's three-story galleries in the heart of Rockefeller Center. Designed as an immersive walk-through experience, this landmark exhibition is inspired in equal measure by the Rockefeller family homes in upstate New York, Maine and Manhattan, as well as the gleaming 'city within a city' of Rockefeller Center. All auction lots will be presented for viewing, with by-appointment opportunities for viewing online sale property. Access to the exhibitions will be free and open to the public through a digital reservation system that allows for visitors to select their preferred viewing time. For viewing dates and times and to reserve tickets, please visit [here](#).

## SALE DETAILS AND CATALOGUES

### 19TH & 20TH CENTURY, EVENING SALE

Tuesday 8 May, 7pm

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[View catalogue](#)

Christie's Evening Sale of 19th and 20th Century Art is devoted to the astounding array of masterpieces of Impressionist and Modern Art in the Rockefeller Collection, including a Rose Period Picasso, *Fillette à la corbeille fleurie*, originally from Gertrude Stein's collection, Monet's iconic *Nymphéas en fleur*, painted circa 1914-1917, and Matisse's sumptuous *Odalisque couchée aux magnolias*, painted in 1923. (estimates upon request)

### ENGLISH AND EUROPEAN FURNITURE, CERAMICS AND DECORATIONS, PART I

Wednesday 9 May, 10am

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English and European Furniture, Ceramics and Decorations, Part I, will be highlighted by the extraordinary 'Service Marly Rouge' made for Emperor Napoleon I in 1809, a Chinese export porcelain service in the coveted 'Tobacco Leaf' pattern, a pair of Queen Anne walnut stools circa 1710, and a set of ten George III mahogany dining chairs circa 1760.

### ART OF THE AMERICAS, EVENING SALE

Wednesday 9 May, 7pm

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The second Evening Sale of the series is devoted to Art of the Americas, a comprehensive survey of masterworks by the leading American artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century including Edward Hopper, Georgia O'Keeffe, Milton Avery, Thomas Hart Benton, John Singer Sargent and Winslow Homer, among others. The sale features Diego Rivera's 1931 masterpiece, *The Rivals*, which was commissioned by Abby Aldrich Rockefeller and was given to Peggy and David the year after. Willem de Kooning's *Untitled XIX* from 1982 and Gilbert Stuart's *George Washington (Vaughan type)* round out the offerings.

### FINE ART, DAY SALE

Thursday 10 May, 10am

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The Day Sale features a broad span of genres and eras, beginning with Impressionist and Modern Art, including works by Odilon Redon, Paul Klee, Kees Van Dongen, and Édouard Vuillard. The 19<sup>th</sup> Century European art section is highlighted by works from Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot, Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, and Édouard Manet. A fine selection of Post-War and Contemporary artists include Alexander Calder, Lucien Freud, Jasper Johns and Bridget Riley, underscoring the full breadth of David Rockefeller's collecting, well into his later years.

## ENGLISH AND EUROPEAN FURNITURE, CERAMICS AND DECORATIONS, PART II

Thursday 10 May, approximately 12:30pm

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English and European Furniture, Ceramics and Decorations, Part II will present several pieces of painted satinwood furniture that had previously been at Kykuit, beautiful Gothic Chippendale dining chairs previously residing in the apartment at 740 Park Avenue, as well as a George III Mahogany breakfront secretaire cabinet. Porcelain includes two remarkable Chelsea place tureens, *circa* 1755, and a highlight of the selection of silver is an Irish monteith bowl by Thomas Bolton. The sale will also feature three carriages from the family stables, and a monumental English wicker picnic hamper by Asprey serving 12.

## TRAVEL AND AMERICANA, INCLUDING ASIAN AND ISLAMIC WORKS OF ART

Thursday 10 May, approximately 7pm

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Travel and Americana covers objects and extraordinary treasures from Peggy and David's global travels including works from Asia, Egypt, Syria, China, Korea, Japan, and India, along with items from the United States. The sale features a collection of more than 40 duck decoys. Highlights include a magnificent gilt-bronze figure of Amitayus, a gilt-bronze figure of Samantabhadra on an elephant, and an Ayyubid silver inlaid brass domed cylindrical incense burner made in Syria in the second-half 13th century – a fixture on David Rockefeller's desk at Chase Manhattan Bank for decades.

## THE ONLINE SALE – EIGHT THEMES

[Browse sale](#)  
May 1-11

The online sales are presented according to eight themes: *Personal Mementos*; *Lamps & Lighting*; *Birds, Bugs & Beasts*; *A Passion for Porcelain*; *Dinner in Japan*; *Setting the Table*; *At Home in the City* and *At Home in the Country*. The property included in each themed sale ranges across fine and decorative arts, jewelry and watches, furniture and lighting. With starting estimates ranging from \$100 up to \$10,000, the sales are open to established and new bidders alike, with all transactions conducted online with the click of a mouse.

PERSONAL MEMENTOS	LAMPS & LIGHTING	BIRDS, BUGS, & BEASTS	A PASSION FOR PORCELAIN
 <p>A pair of aquamarine and gold martini cufflinks Estimate: \$400-600</p>	 <p>A George III style metal-mounted glass hall lantern Estimate: \$2,000-3,000</p>	 <p>A pair of English porcelain small models of leopards Estimate: \$300-500</p>	 <p>A pair of Worcester porcelain yellow-ground vases Estimate: \$800-1,200</p>
DINNER IN JAPAN	SETTING THE TABLE	AT HOME IN THE CITY	AT HOME IN THE COUNTRY
 <p>A group of ten Japanese rectangular foliate dishes Estimate: \$1,500-2,500</p>	 <p>An assembled Paris porcelain green-ground part dessert service Estimate: \$4,000-6,000</p>	 <p>Joseph Austin Pennell <i>Madison Avenue</i> Estimate: \$1,000-1,500</p>	 <p>Paul Lucien Maze <i>Wooded Landscape</i> Estimate: \$800-1,200</p>

## SALE BENEFICIARIES

In keeping with Peggy and David Rockefeller's wishes, Estate proceeds from the Collection sales at Christie's will be directed to the following philanthropies, which the Rockefellers supported throughout their lifetimes: American Farmland Trust, Americas Society/Council of the Americas, Council on Foreign Relations, the David Rockefeller Fund, Harvard University, Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Mount Desert Land and Garden Preserve, the Museum of Modern Art, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Rockefeller University, and The Stone Barns Restoration Corporation – Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture, among others.

**David Rockefeller, Jr.** commented: *"These auctions represent a way for our parents to continue their philanthropy after their lifetimes, since the proceeds are destined for institutions they cared deeply about. It was always their plan to enjoy these beautiful objects as custodians, not owners, and then to pass them on in a way that would generate the most benefit for their beloved philanthropic organizations. I think my Dad in particular would have greatly enjoyed this whole process, from talking with collectors about the art, to seeing how high the prices will go at sale time."*

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### Notes for Editors:

- All exhibition dates and hours are [posted online](#) or email [rockefeller@christies.com](mailto:rockefeller@christies.com)
- More information on Christie's Magazine: [The Collection of Peggy and David Rockefeller](#)
- For video features devoted to the Collection of Peggy and David Rockefeller (embed links available), visit our [Features page](#) for the Collection
- The most valuable collection ever previously offered at auction was the Collection of Yves Saint Laurent et Pierre Bergé in 2009 at Christie's Paris, which achieved more than US\$400 million.
- Follow [@christiesrockefeller](#) on Instagram and [www.christies.com/rockefeller](http://www.christies.com/rockefeller) for coming auction details

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### About Christie's

Christie's, the world's leading art business, had global auction, private and digital sales in 2017 that totalled £5.1 billion / \$6.6 billion. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service and international expertise. Christie's offers around 350 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.

Alongside regular sales online, Christie's has a global presence in 46 countries, with 10 salerooms around the world including in London, New York, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Amsterdam, Dubai, Zürich, Hong Kong, and Shanghai.

*\*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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