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LA MÉNAGERIE

Presented Alongside 20th Century Week



François-Xavier Lalanne
Unique 'Hippopotame l' Bathtub, 1969
Estimate: \$1,000,000 – 1,500,000

New York – Offered as part of Christie's marquee 20th Century Week in November, Christie's is delighted to announce **La Ménagerie**, which will take place on Tuesday, 12 November 2019. The curated auction includes 31 works of sculpture and design based on artists' interpretations of animals and wildlife from the powerful and elegant to the playful and irreverent. This exceptional cross-category sale follows on last year's incredibly successful *Alberto and Diego Giacometti: Masters of Design*. Featuring a dynamic breadth of artists spanning the 20th century to present day, *La Ménagerie* includes works by 12 artists including **Diego Giacometti, Alexander Calder, Claude and François-Xavier Lalanne, Rembrandt Bugatti, François Pompon, Fernando Botero, and David Wiseman**.

Auction highlights include the exceptional brass *Unique 'Hippopotame l' Bathtub, 1969* by **François-Xavier Lalanne** (\$1,000,000 – 1,500,000). Measuring more than nine feet long and standing over four feet high, Lalanne's life-size incarnation of the African 'river horse' contains a sink and vanity folded into its cavernous mouth and a full bathtub stowed in its body. An additional highlight of the sale is **Rembrandt Bugatti's** *Deux éléphants, l'un derrière l'autre* (\$600,000 – 800,000), which recalls the elephant theme of Bugatti's famed Dancing Elephant hood ornament design that was used by his brother's eponymous automobile company.

Further highlights include a group of wild and domesticated animal sculptures by **François Pompon**, featuring *Ours blanc* (\$200,000 – 300,000), a rare and exceptional polar bear carved from white marble (the monumental stone version of which resides in the Musée d'Orsay) and a selection of works from an Important French Collector including a charming *Boston-Terrier* (\$25,000 – 35,000), which previously belonged to the designer Yves Saint Laurent. Other notable works include two feline masterworks by **Rembrandt Bugatti**: *Deux léopards marchant* (\$450,000 – 650,000) and *Petite panthère* (\$250,000-350,000) further accompanied by **Diego Giacometti's** playful *Chat maître d'hôtel* (\$100,000 – 150,000), all from the Property of a Distinguished European Collector. Other highlights by Giacometti include a rare *Porte-manteaux au hibou* (\$300,000 – 500,000), a whimsical coat-rack that features a small owl perched upon one of its leafy branches, acquired directly from the artist by the present owner in 1968.

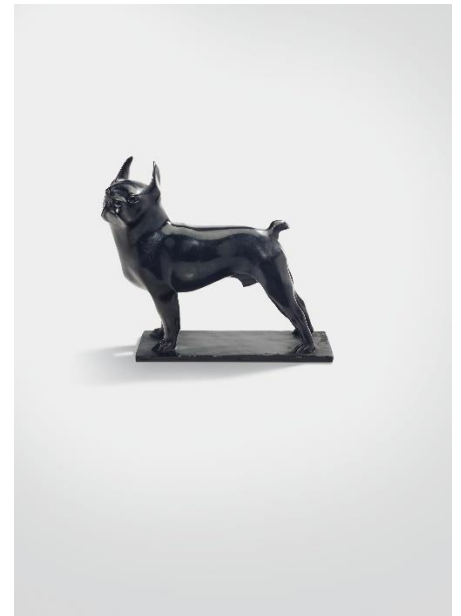
The collection will be on public view at Christie's Rockefeller Center galleries from 2-10 November ahead of the live auction on 12 November.



Rembrandt Bugatti
Deux éléphants, l'un derrière l'autre
Estimate: \$600,000-800,000



Diego Giacometti
Porte-manteaux au hibou
Estimate: \$300,000 – 500,000



François Pompon
Boston-Terrier or Toy
Estimate: \$25,000 – 35,000



Rembrandt Bugatti
Deux léopards marchant
Estimate: \$450,000 – 650,000



Claude Lalanne
Unique 'Structure végétale avec singes' Chandelier
Estimate : \$400,000 – 600,000

*Note to Editors: The November 2018 sale Alberto and Diego Giacometti: Masters of Design achieved 100% sold through and over 300% of its combined low estimate.

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Public Exhibition:
2-10 November 2019

Auction:
La Ménagerie
12 November 2019
9:30AM

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