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CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK PRESENTS:

IMPORTANT WATCHES AND AMERICAN ICONS

LIVE AUCTION: Thursday, December 12, 2019
ONLINE AUCTION: November 26 – December 10, 2019



PATEK PHILIPPE

Platinum Perpetual Calendar Minute Repeating Tourbillon Wristwatch with Breguet Numerals, Retrograde Date, and Moon Phases, Manufactured in 2007
Ref. 5016P
\$400,000 - 600,000



RICHARD MILLE

Platinum Tonneau-shaped Tourbillon Spilt-Seconds Chronograph Wristwatch with Power Reserve and Torque Indication, circa 2008
RM008 AF PT / 27
\$250,000 - 450,000



BREGUET

Unique Stainless Steel, Chrome and Glass 30 Days Desk Clock, Manufactured in 1934
NO. 3142, NO. 416859, NO. 142508
\$200,000 - 400,000



ROLEX

A Very Fine and Extremely Rare Stainless Steel Chronograph Wristwatch, circa 1940
Ref. 3330
\$100,000 - 200,000

New York – Christie's New York announces *Important Watches and American Icons* to take place on Thursday, December 12th. The auction offers a carefully curated selection of over 150 distinct lots, all highly sought-after for their historical notoriety, fresh-to-market condition, and extreme rarity, with estimates up to \$600,000. Highlights include modern, vintage and sport watches from Rolex, Patek Philippe, F. P. Journe, Omega, Richard Mille and more.



PATEK PHILIPPE

18k Gold, Enamel and Platinum Watch in the Form of a Backpack, 1875, Formerly Belonging to Elbert E. Farman, Consul-General to Cairo, Egypt.
\$50,000 - 100,000

The sale proudly presents a dedicated section titled *American Icons*, which offers a curated selection of timepieces with important provenance. Featured is a paired lot that includes an L. Leroy & Cie. pocket watch that belonged to **Ernest Hemingway**, sold alongside a Vacheron Constantin pocket watch owned by **Charles C. Ritz** (\$15,000-25,000). This paired lot symbolized their friendship and Hemingway's affinity for the grand hotel, which would later result in a bar named after him. Other *American Icons* include two Patek Philippe timepieces formerly belonging to the **41st President of the United States, George H. W. Bush**; a one-of-a-kind Patek Philippe gold, enamel, and platinum watch in the form of a backpack, dated 1876 (\$50,000-100,000), created for **Elbert E. Farman**, the Consul-General to Cairo, Egypt, famous for bringing 'Cleopatra's Needle' to New York; a Breitling owned by astronaut Wally M. Shirra (\$10,000-15,000); and an Omega Seamaster 300, belonging to **LTC George Aikman Finter**, which is sold alongside a treasure trove of documents (\$12,000-18,000).

Highlighting the sale are important vintage and modern timepieces comprising an impressive array of **Patek Philippe** wristwatches, including an exceptionally rare **reference 3450, retailed by Tiffany & Co.** (\$250,000-500,000), as well as the highly-complicated and exceptional **reference 5016P** (\$400,000-600,000). Other highlights include a sought-after early stainless steel **Rolex chronograph wristwatch, reference 3330** (\$100,000-200,000), and a very attractive and unique skeletonized **Breguet desk clock**, manufactured at the height of the Art Deco period (\$200,000 – 400,000).

Taking place concurrently is the **Christie's Watches Online: A Horological Holiday** (November 26 – December 10), which presents over 200 watches ranging from vintage to contemporary timepieces. In collaboration with [The Webster](#), Christie's Watches Online is proud to feature a curated selection of holiday looks that exemplify the highest quality of designer clothing and timepieces combined. Professionally crafted by The Webster's lead stylist, Linda Addouana, for the first-time, Christie's will showcase expertly selected pairings of clothing and watches for both men and women, perfectly suitable for any holiday occasion. Further highlights and details are included below. Public preview of both sales includes a full exhibition at **Christie's 20 Rockefeller Center Galleries December 6 - 11**.

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Highlights from American Icons, Thursday, 12 December | Christie's New York



WALLY SCHIRRA, MERCURY GEMINI, AND APOLLO ASTRONAUT

BREITLING

Stainless Steel Automatic Chronograph Wristwatch, Formerly Belonging to Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo Astronaut, Wally Schirra
 Special Edition, No. A35330, No. 702982
 \$10,000 - 15,000



LTC GEORGE AIKMAN FINTER

OMEGA

Stainless Steel Automatic Wristwatch with Date and Center Seconds, Formerly Belonging to LTC George Aikman Finter
 Manufactured in 1969
 Seamaster 300, Ref. 166024-67 SC
 \$12,000 - 18,000



ERNEST HEMINGWAY AND CHARLES C. RITZ

A LOT OF TWO 18K GOLD OPENFACE POCKET WATCHES

The First: Vacheron Constantin, 1914, Formerly Belonging to French Hotelier, Charles C. Ritz.
The Second: L. Leroy & Cie. A Split Seconds Chronograph, circa 1920, Formerly Belonging to American Novelist Ernest Hemingway
 \$15,000 - 25,000



41ST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, GEORGE H. W. BUSH

PATEK PHILIPPE TIMEPIECES

Pictured right: 18k Pink Gold Automatic Perpetual Calendar Wristwatch with Moon Phases, Manufactured in 1993, Ref. 3940.
 \$40,000-70,000
Pictured left: 18k Gold Automatic Wristwatch with Date, Manufactured in 1968, Ref. 3445. \$25,000-45,000

Christie's Online Feature
[5 minutes with... Ernest Hemingway's pocket watch](#)



PATEK PHILIPPE
18k Gold Automatic Perpetual
Calendar Wristwatch with Moon
Phases and Leap Year Indication,
Manufactured in 1983
Ref. 3450
\$250,000 - 500,000



JACOB & CO.
Platinum and Sapphire-set Limited
Edition Gravitational Triple Axis
Tourbillon Wristwatch with Sky
Indicator of the Celestial Panorama,
Month, Day/Night Indicator and
Orbital seconds, Circa 2017
Ref. 225000
\$225,000 - 425,000



ROLEX
Stainless Steel Chronograph Wristwatch
with Bracelet and "Tropical" Subdials,
circa 1967
Ref. 6240
\$120,000 - 200,000



PATEK PHILIPPE
A Very Fine 18k White Gold
Chronograph Wristwatch with Date
and Center Seconds, circa 2017
Ref. 5650G
\$120,000 - 180,000

Highlights from *Christie's Watches Online: A Horological Holiday*, November 26 – December 10 | Christie's New York



PATEK PHILIPPE
18k World Time Enamel Dial,
Ref. 5131g
\$80,000 - 120,000



PATEK PHILIPPE
18k Nautilus
Ref. 5712g
\$40,000 - 60,000



ROLEX
'Small Red' Daytona
Ref. 6263
\$30,000 - 50,000



HEUER
First-Execution Autavia Case Skipper
Ref. 73463
\$7,000 - 10,000

Christie's x The Webster | Styled Looks from *Watches Online: A Horological Holiday*



ROLEX
GMT-Master Gilt Gloss Dial
Ref. 1675
\$18,000 - 28,000



PATEK PHILIPPE
Ladies' 18k And Diamond Gondolo Gemma
Ref. 4981r
\$12,000 - 18,000

Public Exhibition:

Friday, December 6: 10AM-6PM
Saturday, 7 December: 10AM-6PM
Sunday, 8 December: 10AM-6PM
Monday, 9 December: 10AM-6PM
Tuesday, 10 December: 10AM-5PM
Wednesday, 11 December: 10AM-5PM

Auction:

Important Watches and American Icons
12 December 2019

Christie's Watches Online: A Horological Holiday
26 November – 10 December 2019

About The Webster

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