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IMPERIAL GLORIES FROM THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS COLLECTION

An Outstanding Collection of Qing Dynasty Works

Live Auction | Hong Kong | 30 November

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Beijing | 7 – 8 November

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Continuing the tradition of offering renowned institutional collections at auction, Christie's is privileged to be presenting a dedicated sale of Chinese art works from the Springfield Museums, the largest cultural institution in western Massachusetts.

- 🔔 The sale comprises twelve jade and cloisonné enamel pieces from the Qing dynasty (1644-1911) .
- 🔔 Highlights include an exquisitely carved white jade figure of Shoulao, the Star God of Longevity, rare for its substantial size and superb quality; and a massive imperial cloisonné enamel vase decorated with dramatic mask motifs exceeding 64 cm. in height.
- 🔔 All twelve pieces were acquired by George Walter Vincent Smith (1832-1923), an American entrepreneur and art collector who founded the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1896.
- 🔔 Proceeds realized from the sale will be used for the care of collections and to advance the Museums' commitment to equity, diversity, and access through future art acquisitions of works by women artists, artists of color and under-represented artists.



About The Springfield Museums

- 🔔 The George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum is best known for its extraordinary depth of rare and unusual objects from China and Japan.
- 🔔 Modeled after an Italian palazzo, the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, features a striking collection of Chinese porcelains, cloisonné ware and jade and Japanese bronzes, iron, lacquer and ivory.
- 🔔 In its entirety, the Springfield Museums includes - the Michele and Donald D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts, the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, the Springfield Science Museum, the Lyman and Merrie Wood Museum of Springfield History, and the newly opened (2017) Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum.
- 🔔 The Museums welcome over half a million visitors a year, with its primary mission to inspire exploration of its connections to art, history and science through outstanding collections, exhibitions and programs.



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AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE LARGE WHITE JADE CARVING OF SHOULAO AND DEER
QIANLONG-JIAQING PERIOD (1736-1820)
10 11/16 in. (27.2 cm.) high
Estimate: HK\$5,000,000 – 7,000,000



Top:
A WHITE JADE 'KUI DRAGON' VASE AND A COVER
QING DYNASTY, 18TH CENTURY
10 3/8 in. (25.8 cm.) overall height
Estimate: HK\$1,500,000 – 2,500,000

Bottom:
A WHITE JADE 'CHILONG AND BAT' RUYI
QIANLONG PERIOD (1736-1795)
16 13/16 in. (42.7 cm.) long
Estimate: HK\$1,500,000 – 2,500,000



A LARGE AND MAGNIFICENT IMPERIAL CLOISSONNÉ ENAMEL BALUSTER VASE WITH PHOENIX HANDLES
QING DYNASTY, EARLY 18TH CENTURY
19 1/4 in. (48.8 cm.) high
Estimate: HK\$2,400,000 – 3,500,000



A MAGNIFICENT AND MASSIVE IMPERIAL CLOISSONNÉ ENAMEL 'TAOTIE' HU-FORM VASE
YONGZHENG-QIANLONG PERIOD (1723-1795)
25 3/4 in. (64.7 cm.) high
Estimate: HK\$3,000,000-5,000,000



Left:
A VERY RARE SMALL IMPERIAL CLOISSONNÉ ENAMEL VASE WITH DRAGON HANDLES
QIANLONG CAST FOUR-CHARACTER MARK WITHIN A SQUARE AND OF THE PERIOD (1736-1795)
4 1/2 in. (11.2 cm.) high
Estimate: HK\$1,200,000 – 1,800,000

Right:
AN IMPERIAL CLOISSONNÉ ENAMEL CHAMPION VASE
KANGXI PERIOD (1662-1722)
11 1/2 in. (29 cm.) high
Estimate: HK\$1,200,000 – 1,800,000



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NOTES TO EDITOR

Preview:

Beijing | 7 – 8 October | No.82 Jinbao Street, Dongcheng District, Beijing

Taipei | 7 – 8 November | Grand Space, Marriott Taipei, 3F, No. 199, Lequn 2nd Road, Zhongshan District, Taipei,

Shanghai | 12 – 13 November | Ampire Building, No. 97 Yuanmingyuan Road, Shanghai

Hong Kong | 27 – 30 November | Hall 3C, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, No. 1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Auction: Imperial Glories from the Springfield Museums Collection

Date & Time: 30 November 2020, 2:30 pm

Location: Hall 3C, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, No. 1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong

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