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FOR THE SEASON OF MASTERPIECES AND COLLECTIONS CHINESE CERAMICS AND WORKS OF ART PRESENTS FOUR THEMED SALES

*THE CHANG WEI-HWA COLLECTION OF ARCHAIC JADES – XIA, SHANG AND
WESTERN ZHOU DYNASTIES*

IMPERIAL GLORIES FROM THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS COLLECTION

INSPIRING THE MIND – LIFE OF A SCHOLAR – OFFICIAL

IMPORTANT CHINESE CERAMICS AND WORKS OF ART



Live Auction | 30 November

Previews

Beijing | 7 – 8 November

Taipei | 7 – 8 November

Shanghai | 12 – 13 November

Hong Kong | 27 – 29 November

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HONG KONG - Christie's Hong Kong Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art auctions will take place on 30 November with four dedicated themed auctions — ***Imperial Glories From The Springfield Museums Collection, The Chang Wei-Hwa Collection of Archaic Jades, Inspiring The Mind — Life Of A Scholar – Official, and Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art.***

Chi Fan Tsang, Deputy Chairman, Specialist Head of Department, commented, “We are privileged to be presenting some of the finest works through the course of Chinese history, showcasing the ever-evolving aesthetics of celebrated Chinese art forms across time. The curated sales this season cater to the diverse tastes of our clients who seek works of exceptional quality and rarity.”

Continuing the tradition of offering renowned institutional collections at auction, Christie's is privileged to be presenting a dedicated sale of Chinese works of art from the Springfield Museums, the largest cultural institution in western Massachusetts: ***Imperial Glories From The Springfield Museums Collection.*** Leading this sale is **A Magnificent And Exceptionally Rare Large White Jade Carving Of Shoulao And Deer** (Estimate: HK\$5,000,000 – 7,000,000). Please click [HERE](#) for full press release.

In response to the appetite from international collectors, and to meet the demands of the archaic jade market, Christie's is proud to present ***The Chang Wei-Hwa Collection of Archaic Jades.*** The sale features 75 works across Xia, Shang, and Western Zhou Dynasties. As an actual relic, the **Highly Important Inscribed 'Marquis Mi' White Jade Ge-Halberd Blade** (Estimate HK\$2,500,000 – 4,000,000) will no doubt shed new light, both in academia and in the collecting world, on the research of inscriptions on archaic jades.

Christie's is also pleased to present a specially curated sale: ***Inspiring The Mind – Life Of A Scholar – Official*** which showcases works that reflect the refined and scholarly taste of the Chinese literati. The special sales features 68 works of art ranging from jade carvings, ritual bronze vessels, lacquer boxes, carved seals and rare furniture from Ming to early Qing Dynasty, with selection of works establishing an interesting dialogue between age-old literati traditions, and Zitan the spirit of today's refined scholars. One of the top lots is a **Magnificent And Extremely Rare Carved Zitan Hexagonal Table** (Estimate HK\$16,000,000 – 20,000,000). This table is very large in size and also unique in style, and is the only such example recorded, with its style comparable to Zitan furniture from the Qianlong period. For the enthusiasts of Chinese furniture, there is another top lot **An Important and Very Rare Pair Of Huanghuali Round-Corner Tapered Cabinets And Stands, Yuanjiaogui** (Estimate HK\$16,000,000 – 20,000,000).

Finally, the ***Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art*** sale will feature a diverse offering of exquisite and rare ceramics, Buddhist art and statues, jade carvings, snuff bottles, among other works, and is sure to cater to a wider range of collecting tastes and collectors. The top lot of the sale is **a A Pair Of Very Fine And Rare Yangcai Chrysanthemum Dishes** (Estimate HK\$15,000,000 – 20,000,000). A further highlight of the sale is **The Alexander Ding Bowl** (Estimate: HK\$6,000,000 – 8,000,000), which comes with an impeccable provenance. It was previously owned by William Cleverly Alexander (1840-1916), who was a wealthy banker and keen connoisseur and collector of Chinese and Japanese art, with a significant portion of his collection being later acquired by the revered collector Sir Percival David.

IMPERIAL GLORIES FROM THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS COLLECTION





A Highly Important Inscribed 'Marquis Mi' White Jade Ge-Halberd Blade

LATE SHANG DYNASTY, C. 1300-1100 BC
11 1/2 in. (29.8 cm.) long
Estimate: HK\$2,500,000 – 4,000,000



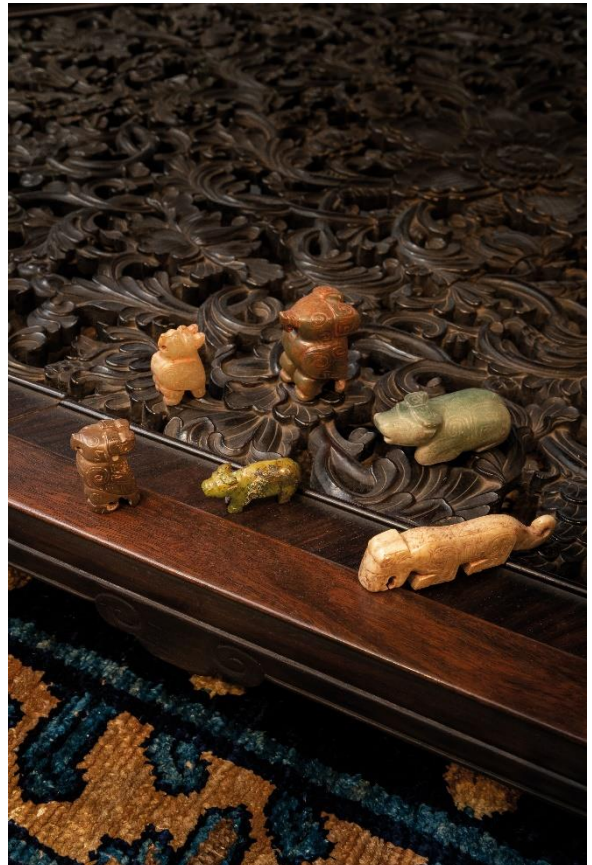
A Very Rare Turquoise-Inland And Jade Inset Bronze Ge-Halberd Blade

LATE SHANG DYNASTY, ANYANG PHASE, C. 1300-1100 BC
12 3/8 in. (31.3 cm.) long
Estimate: HK\$1,200,000 – 1,800,000



An Important And Very Rare Turquoise-Inland Bronze Axe, Qi

SHANG DYNASTY, C. 1600-1046 BC
8 1/8 in. (21 cm.) long
Estimate: HK\$1,800,000 – 2,500,000



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

A Dark Green Jade Carving Of An Owl, 1 3/8 in. (3.5 cm.) high
Estimate: HK\$120,000 – 180,000

A White Jade Carving Of An Owl, 1 7/16 in. (3.5 cm.) high
Estimate: HK\$200,000 – 300,000

A Green Jade Carving Of A Buffalo, 1 5/8 in. (4.5 cm.) wide
Estimate: HK\$80,000 – 100,000

A Celadon Jade Carving Of An Owl, 2 in. (4.8 cm.) high
Estimate: HK\$800,000-1,200,000

A Celadon Jade Carving Of A Buffalo, 2 1/2 in. (6.2 cm.) wide
Estimate: HK\$80,000 – 120,000

A Pale Celadon Jade 'Double Dragon' Pendant, Huang, 3 1/4 in. (8.3 cm.) wide
Estimate: HK\$120,000 – 180,000

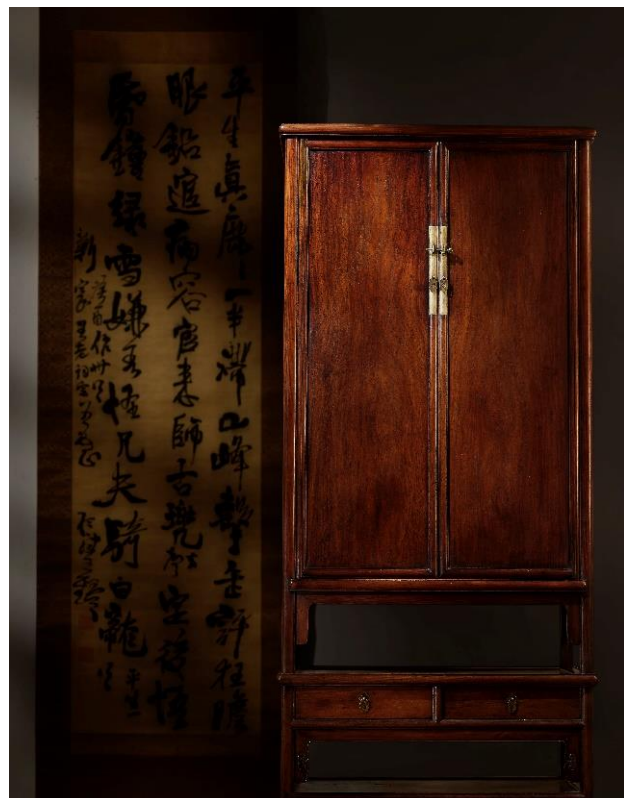


A Magnificent And Extremely Rare Carved Zitan Hexagonal Table

QIANGLONG PERIOD (1736-1795)

36 1/2 in. (92 cm.) high,
44 3/4 in. (113 cm.) wide,
44 3/4 in. (113 cm.) deep

Estimate: HK\$16,000,000 – 20,000,000



An Important And Very Rare Pair Of Huanghuali Round-Corner Tapered Cabinets And Stands, Yuanjiaogui

MING DYNASTY, 17TH CENTURY

73 1/4 in. (186 cm.) overall height,
34 5/8 in. (80.5 cm.) wide,
18 1/2 in. (47 cm.) deep

Estimate: HK\$16,000,000 – 20,000,000



An Exceptional And Very Rare Bronze Ritual Owl-Form Wine Vessel, Xiao You

LATE SHANG DYNASTY, 12TH-11TH CENTURY BC

10 in. (25.5 cm.) high with handle, 8 in. (20.3 cm.) across

Estimate: HK\$7,000,000 – 9,000,000



A Very Rare And Superb Cinnabar Lacquer 'Chilong' Box And Cover

YUAN DYNASTY (1279-1368)

9 1/4 in. (23.5 cm.) diam.

Estimate: HK\$4,000,000 – 6,000,000



An Imperial Soapstone Seal

QIANGLONG ELEVENTH YEAR,
CORRESPONDING TO 1746
AND OF THE PERIOD

2 7/8 in. (7.3 cm.) high, 134g

Estimate: HK\$ 2,200,000 – 3,500,000



An Important And Very Rare Large Imperial Cinnabar Lacquer 'Immortals' Box And Cover

YONGLE INCISED SIX-CHARACTER MARK IN A LINE AND OF THE PERIOD (1403-1425)

9 1/4 in. (23.5 cm.) diam.

Estimate: HK\$8,000,000 – 10,000,000

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William Cleverley Alexander (1840-1916)

**From the collection of William Cleverley Alexander (1840-1916)
The Alexander Ding Bowl**

LATE NORTHERN SONG EARLY JIN DYNASTY, 11TH-12TH CENTURY
12 3/8 in. (31.5 cm.) diam.
Estimate: HK\$6,000,000 – 8,000,000



A Blue And White 'Fruit And Flower' Vase, *Meiping*

QIANLONG SIX-CHARACTER SEAL MARK IN UNDERGLAZE BLUE
AND OF THE PERIOD (1736-1795)

13 in. (33 cm.) high, box

Estimate: HK\$2,800,000 – 3,500,000



**A Pair Of Very Fine And Rare *Yangcai* Chrysanthemum Dishes
YONGZHENG SIX-CHARACTER MARKS IN UNDERGLAZE BLUE
WITHIN DOUBLE-CIRCLES AND OF THE PERIOD (1723-1735)**

6 3/8 in. (16.3 cm.) diam., box

Estimate: HK\$15,000,000 – 20,000,000



A Fine And Very Rare *Yangcai* 'Poppy' Cup

YONGZHENG SIX-CHARACTER MARK IN UNDERGLAZE BLUE
WITHIN A DOUBLE CIRCLE AND OF THE PERIOD (1723-1735)

3 9/16 in. (9.1 cm.) diam., box

Estimate: HK\$7,000,000 – 9,000,000



**A Magnificent Large And Rare Gilt-Bronze Seated Figure
Of A Crowned Buddha**

MING DYNASTY, 16TH CENTURY

28 1/4 in. (72 cm.) high

Estimate: HK\$7,500,000 – 9,000,000

Preview:

Shanghai | 12 – 13 November | Ampire Building, No. 97 Yuanmingyuan Road, Shanghai
Hong Kong | 27 – 29 November | Hall 3C, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, No. 1 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Auction:

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

The Chang Wei-Hwa Collection of Archaic Jades

Time: 10:00am

Inspiring The Mind — Life Of A Scholar-Official

Time: 11:30am

Imperial Glories From The Springfield Museums Collection

Time: 2:30pm

Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art.

Time: 2:45pm

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