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CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK PRESENTS MAGNIFICENT JEWELS

*Featuring notable private collections, important diamonds and gemstones,
alongside significant signed pieces from celebrated houses*



PROPERTY FROM THE DU PONT
FAMILY COLLECTION
**'THE DU PONT PADPARADSCHA'
SAPPHIRE RING OF 24.58 CARATS**
\$500,000-700,000



PROPERTY FROM AN EXCEPTIONAL
PRIVATE COLLECTION
**AN EXTRAORDINARY KASHMIR SAPPHIRE
AND DIAMOND BRACELET**
\$5,000,000-7,000,000



PROPERTY OF A LADY
SAPPHIRE AND DIAMOND NECKLACE
\$800,000-1,600,000

LIVE AUCTION: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 ONLINE AUCTION: NOVEMBER 18 – DECEMBER 1, 2020

New York – Christie's New York announces the December 8 auction of *Magnificent Jewels* and the preceding *Jewels Online* auction from November 18 to December 1, which together present over 500 lots. The live auction will offer over 380 jewels featuring a notable selection of colored diamonds, colorless diamonds, and gemstones, alongside important signed pieces by Suzanne Belperron, René Boivin, Bulgari, Cartier, David Webb, Harry Winston, JAR, Marina B, Tiffany & Co., Van Cleef & Arpels, and Verdura.

Exceptional sapphires highlight the *Magnificent Jewels* auction, led by an extraordinary Kashmir sapphire and diamond bracelet of 43.10 carats surrounded by 67.90 carats of diamonds (\$5,000,000-7,000,000). Other notable sapphires include a cabochon Kashmir sapphire ring of 21.72 carats by Van Cleef & Arpels from 1917 (\$1,700,000-2,700,000); a Burma sapphire necklace of 80.86 carats (\$800,000-1,600,000); and an Art Deco Kashmir sapphire of 12.64 carats and diamond brooch by Cartier, formerly from the collection of Jean Stralem (\$1,000,000-1,500,000). Among other top lots are a pair of fancy intense purplish pink and fancy intense pink diamond earrings of 2.61 and 2.34 carats, potentially internally flawless (\$1,200,000-2,200,000); a diamond of 102.61 carats, Y to Z color, VS2 clarity (\$800,000-1,200,000); and the Vanderbilt Diamond Necklace (\$500,000-800,000) formerly belonging to Wendy Vanderbilt Lehman.

This season's sale distinctively features an array of notable private collections including *Important Jewels from the Estate of Mrs. Henry Ford II*, which offers a selection of 43 lots featuring significant signed pieces by Boucheron, Bulgari, Cartier, Tiffany & Co, Van Cleef & Arpels, and Verdura and *Property from the du Pont Family Collection*, which includes a 'The du Pont Padparadscha' sapphire ring weighing 24.58 carats (\$500,000-700,000) and the 'Sydney Queen' black opal and diamond brooch and two unmounted black opals by Raymond Yard (\$60,000-80,000). *Property from the Collection of Mary M. and Robert M. Montgomery, Jr.* presents over 20 elegant signed jewels including a Burmese ruby and diamond necklace by Cartier, circa 1955 (\$150,000-250,000); *Property from the Collection of Athena Blackburn Sold to Benefit Charitable Causes*, comprises important designs by Bulgari, Graff, Schlumberger, Tiffany & Co., and Van Cleef & Arpels; and three lots offered in Memory of Lana Chenko Haddad, to be sold to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF).

Important Jewels from the Estate of Mireille Lévy is a celebration of graceful and poetic forms showcasing the best Maisons around the world, from David Webb and Harry Winston in New York, to Van Cleef & Arpels and Cartier in Paris, as well as avant-garde pieces from Marina B. Additionally featured are two collections from New York's most celebrated style icons, *American Muse: The Collection of Nina Griscom* comprising of Art Deco jewels and classic designs, and *The Collection of Barbara Allen de Kwiatkowski* offering an array of bold gemstones and signed pieces by Belperron, JAR, and Verdura.

Rounding out the auction is a robust selection of contemporary designs including jewels by JAR, Moussaieff, and a dedicated section *A Collection of Objects by Daniel Brush* featuring early designs by the artist, the subject of a recent exhibition at the L'Ecole Van Cleef & Arpels in New York.



"You cannot have passion of any kind unless you have compassion." – Elizabeth Taylor

DIAMOND AND PLATINUM CUSTOM RING, JAR

The single-cut diamond and platinum ring to be set on one-side with the initial of the successful bidder's choosing
\$8,000-12,000

Sold to benefit The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation (ETAF). Working tirelessly on the AIDS crisis through the 1980s, Elizabeth Taylor established The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation (ETAF) in 1991 to reach her vision of an AIDS-free world. ETAF's work ensures that HIV prevention education and access to treatment is available through domestic and international initiatives. ETAF's initiative HIV Is Not A Crime advocates for the modernization of criminal laws and penalties affecting people living with HIV.
Elizabeth Taylor Portrait: Credit ©Douglas Kirkland.

Specially featured in the sale is a custom-ring by JAR, recreated after the signature jewel made for Elizabeth Taylor on the occasion of her 70th birthday (pictured left), which sold in her landmark collection sale at Christie's in 2011. The single-cut diamond and platinum ring will be custom-fit and set on one-side with the initial of the successful bidder's choosing. Proceeds from this unique lot are designated for The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation (ETAF) coinciding with the foundation's inaugural virtual fundraising gala taking place on December 1, 2020. ETAF's initiative HIV Is Not A Crime advocates for the modernization of criminal laws and penalties affecting people living with HIV. Additional information about the gala can be [found here](#).

Preceding the live auction of *Magnificent Jewels* will be the *Jewels Online* sale (November 18 – December 1) featuring over 100 lots from the most celebrated names in jewelry. Information for *Jewels Online* will be available ahead of the auction opening for browsing on November 18.

BROWSE LOTS IN THE SALE:

- Visit the [Magnificent Jewels sale page](#) to view the full sale catalogue.
- High-resolution images can be downloaded [here](#).

VIRTUAL EVENTS:

Information below or RSVP to jcuminal@christies.com

- [92 Y: Gems of New York with Stellene Volandes, Sewit Sium, Daphne Lingon, and Rachael White Young](#) | Nov. 23 at 1pm EST
- [COVETED: Conversation with author Melanie Grant alongside Marjorie Gubelmann, Nicholas Varney, and Daphne Lingon](#) | Nov. 30 at 1pm EST
- [Once Upon a Diamond: A Family Tradition of Royal Jewels: Conversation with author Prince Dimitri of Yugoslavia, Vanessa Cron, and Angelina Chen](#) | Dec. 2 at 1pm EST

HIGHLIGHTS | MAGNIFICENT JEWELS | 8 DECEMBER 2020



AN IMPORTANT COLLECTION OF JEWELS AND GEMS
FANCY INTENSE PURPLISH PINK AND FANCY INTENSE PINK DIAMOND EARRINGS OF 2.61 AND 2.34 CARATS, POTENTIALLY INTERNALLY FLAWLESS
\$1,200,000-2,200,000



PROPERTY OF A PRIVATE COLLECTOR
DIAMOND OF 102.61 CARATS, Y TO Z COLOR, VS2 CLARITY
\$800,000-1,200,000



IMPORTANT JEWELS FROM THE ESTATE OF MRS. HENRY FORD II
ANTIQUE BURMESE RUBY AND DIAMOND BROOCH OF 8.62 CARATS
\$150,000-200,000



SUPERB JEWELS FROM A DISTINGUISHED PRIVATE COLLECTION
ART DECO KASHMIR SAPPHIRE OF 12.64 CARATS AND DIAMOND BROOCH, CARTIER
\$1,000,000-1,500,000



PROPERTY FROM THE COLLECTION
OF MARY M. AND ROBERT M.
MONTGOMERY, JR.
**RUBY AND DIAMOND
NECKLACE, CARTIER**
\$150,000-250,000



THE COLLECTION OF
BARBARA ALLEN DE
KWIAŃKOWSKI
**DIAMOND RING OF
10.59 CARATS, D COLOR,
POTENTIALLY INTERNALLY
FLAWLESS, TYPE IIA**
\$500,000-\$700,000



PROPERTY FROM A
PROMINENT ESTATE
**ART DECO RUBY, EMERALD,
DIAMOND AND NATURAL
PEARL JABOT-BROOCH,
CARTIER**
\$50,000-70,000



PROPERTY FROM THE DU PONT
FAMILY COLLECTION
**THE 'SYDNEY QUEEN'
BLACK OPAL AND DIAMOND BROOCH
AND TWO UNMOUNTED BLACK OPALS,
RAYMOND YARD**
\$60,000-80,000



**BELLE ÉPOQUE KASHMIR
SAPPHIRE AND DIAMOND RING,
VAN CLEEF & ARPELS**
\$1,700,000-2,700,000



OFFERED IN MEMORY OF LANA
CHEN KO-HADDAD
**FANCY ORANGY PINK
DIAMOND AND DIAMOND
RING, MOUNTED BY JAR**
\$100,000-200,000



IMPORTANT JEWELS FROM THE
ESTATE OF MIREILLE LÉVY
**DIAMOND AND ONYX
'PANTHÈRE' NECKLACE,
CARTIER**
\$80,000-100,000



PROPERTY OF A PRIVATE COLLECTOR
**DIAMOND EARRINGS OF 12.63 AND
12.40 CARATS, D COLOR, VS1/VS2
CLARITY, MOUSSAIEFF**
\$600,000-800,000



**SAPPHIRE AND DIAMOND
RING OF 46.62 CARATS**
\$150,000-250,000



IMPORTANT JEWELS FROM
THE ESTATE OF MIREILLE LÉVY
**DIAMOND, ONYX AND
EMERALD DOUBLE
'PANTHÈRE'
BRACELET, CARTIER**
\$150,000-200,000



AMERICAN MUSE: THE
COLLECTION OF NINA GRISCOM
**DIAMOND RING OF 15.02
CARATS, K COLOR,
VS2 CLARITY**
\$120,000-180,000



AMERICAN MUSE: THE COLLECTION OF
NINA GRISCOM
RUBY AND DIAMOND BROOCH
\$30,000-50,000



AN IMPORTANT COLLECTION OF
OBJECTS BY DANIEL BRUSH
**PINK PLASTIC, COLORED
DIAMOND AND MULTI-GEM
'FLAMINGO' FRAME,
DANIEL BRUSH**
\$80,000-120,000



SUPERB JEWELS FROM A
DISTINGUISHED PRIVATE
COLLECTION
**BELLE ÉPOQUE BURMESE
SAPPHIRE AND DIAMOND
RING OF 25.18 CARATS,
CARTIER**
\$150,000-250,000



IMPORTANT JEWELS FROM THE
ESTATE OF MIREILLE LÉVY
**DIAMOND, ONYX AND
EMERALD 'PANTHÈRE' CLIP-
BROOCH, CARTIER**
\$100,000-150,000



PROPERTY FROM THE COLLECTION OF
ATHENA BLACKBURN
SOLD TO BENEFIT CHARITABLE CAUSES
**SET OF DIAMOND JEWELRY,
TIFANY & CO.**
\$50,000-70,000

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