

# CHRISTIE'S

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## SIGNED JEWELS, PRECIOUS GEMS & NATURAL PEARLS

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## IMPORTANT JEWELS

AT CHRISTIE'S LONDON

3 JUNE 2015

**LONDON** – Christie's London announces highlights of the forthcoming *Important Jewels* auction on 3 June 2015. The sale includes an array of both antique and modern jewellery, signed pieces by the great houses such as *Bulgari*, *Cartier*, *Dior*, *Graff*, *Tiffany* and *Van Cleef & Arpels*, together with some exceptional coloured stones and diamonds. The sale comprises 395 lots and is expected to achieve in excess of £7 million.

Leading the sale is a superb 1960s emerald and diamond suite, by *Bulgari* (estimate: £250,000-300,000, *illustrated above*). *Bulgari* jewels of the 1960s are typified by their bold use of vibrant colour in conjunction with an extensive employment of stones cut *en cabochon*. This suite is a quintessential example of the best of *Bulgari*.

### TOP SIGNED JEWELS – CARTIER

The *Cartier* section of this sale comprises over 60 examples, and encapsulates the broad spectrum of design of this great jewellery house; including eight iconic 'Panthere' and tiger jewels, each capturing the essence of these famous *Cartier* motifs in their sleek and alluring form.



A coral, onyx and diamond 'Panthere'  
brooch, by *Cartier*  
Estimate: £60,000 - 100,000



A unique 18 carat white and blackened gold  
diamond 'Panthere' watch, by *Cartier*  
Estimate: £180,000 - 250,000



A coloured diamond and onyx 'Tiger'  
brooch, by *Cartier*  
Estimate: £50,000 - 80,000

## NATURAL PEARLS

With collectors' ever-increasing demand for high quality natural pearls, Christie's London is proud to offer an excellent selection of natural pearls in a variety of shapes and designs.



A natural pearl and diamond necklace  
Estimate: £80,000 - 120,000



A pair of fine natural pearl and diamond ear pendants  
Estimate: £130,000 - 180,000



A natural pearl and diamond necklace,  
mounted by *Boucheron*  
Estimate: £150,000 - 200,000

## PRECIOUS GEMS AND DIAMOND HIGHLIGHTS

The sale features a number of private collections with rare jewels of high importance and a broad selection of stones in a variety of cuts and colours, including a Burma ruby of 8 carats (*illustrated below left*) and a Burma sapphire of 28 carats (*illustrated below right*), both with no indication of thermal treatment.



A ruby and diamond ring  
Estimate: £100,000 - 150,000



A unique pink sapphire and diamond 'zip'  
necklace, by *Van Cleef & Arpels*  
Estimate: £200,000 - 300,000



A single-stone sapphire ring  
Estimate: £200,000 - 300,000

## ART DECO

There is a continued demand for Art Deco jewels, which celebrate the creative flair and geometric design of the period. This sale represents the Art Deco style with a stunning array of examples by the leading houses and designers.



An Art Deco enamel and diamond  
brooch, by *Cartier*  
Estimate: £9,000 - 12,000



An impressive Art Deco diamond bracelet,  
by *Hennell*  
Estimate: £30,000 - 50,000



An Art Deco natural pearl and diamond  
clip brooch, by *Cartier*  
Estimate: £40,000 - 60,000

## PERIOD AND VINTAGE JEWELLERY RANGING FROM EARLY 1800s TO 1980s

The demand for historic jewellery with provenance continues undiminished, with collectors around the world competing for these fragments of history. Magnificent pieces of antique jewellery at a wide range of estimates feature in this sale; amongst which a magnificent 19th century sapphire and diamond parure from the collection of a royal house and a striking peridot riviére; as wearable today as it was at its inception over 100 years ago.



An Edwardian emerald and diamond suite  
Estimate: £30,000 - 40,000



A ruby and diamond necklace,  
The property of Her Royal Highness  
the Princess of Bavaria  
Estimate: £35,000 - 45,000



An important 19<sup>th</sup> century sapphire and diamond necklace, tiara and corsage ornament  
Estimate: £280,000 - 350,000

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### PUBLIC EXHIBITION:

Friday, 29 May: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm  
Saturday, 30 May: 12.00 pm - 5.00 pm  
Sunday, 31 May: 12.00 pm - 5.00 pm  
Monday, 1 June: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm  
Tuesday, 2 June: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm

### AUCTION:

*Important Jewels*  
London, King Street  
Wednesday, 3 June 2015  
10 am and 2 pm

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