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## DESIGN

Sale on 29 November 2023

Viewing from 24 to 29 November



François-Xavier Lalanne (1927-2008) *Babouin-cheminée*, circa 1983-1984. Estimate: €1,000,000 - 1,500,000

**Paris** - On 29 November, Christie's presents a carefully curated selection of Design works from the 20<sup>th</sup>- and 21<sup>st</sup>-centuries. The nearly 200 lots by prestigious artists and designers epitomise the vast creativity of the decorative arts – from Art Nouveau to contemporary art. Particularly distinctive among the selection are **Pierre Chareau** and **Jean Dunand's** works, **Diego Giacometti's** inventiveness, and **François-Xavier Lalanne's** poetic imagination. A group of artistic glassware by **Émile Gallé** and a set of 17 unique engraved mother-of-pearl boxes by **Line Vautrin** making their first market appearance (**estimated from €2,000 each**) are further highlights of this selection rounded out by Italian, Scandinavian, and Brazilian design objects.



Jean Royère (1902-1981) *Liane* chandelier, circa 1950. Estimate: €200,000 – 300,000



Pierre Chareau *EB 754 bureau*, circa 1927. Estimate: €250,000 – 350,000



Boxes by Line Vautrin  
Estimated from €2,000

Following the record-breaking sale of *Rhinocrétaire I* by François-Xavier Lalanne on 20 October Christie's presents another emblematic piece by the artist: ***Babouin-cheminée*** (**estimate: €1,000,000 – 1,500,000**). Embodying the French artist's unique aesthetic and creative genius, this bold creation turns a fireplace into an original, lifelike sculpture. As for the bar *Hippopotame II*, François-Xavier Lalanne drew his inspiration from ancient Egypt. Concealing a fireplace, this baboon is portrayed in the form of Thoth, a majestically seated god figure. Its posture and intense glare create an imposing, dramatic presence.

Two lots, both from a significant private collection, illustrate **Pierre Chareau's** ingenious mechanisms. This rare variation of the **EB 754 bureau** clad in pigskin leather and the **MB 960 bookshelf-table** are therefore further highlights of this sale (**respectively €250,000 – 350,000 and €150,000 – 200,000**).

Several exceptional pieces express the timeless elegance of **Diego Giacometti**. Among them, a patinated bronze **bench** – a model designed for the **Fondation Maeght** in Saint-Paul-de-Vence (**estimate: €200,000 – 300,000**) and a **pair of “aux cuirasses” andirons** (**estimate: €100,000 – 150,000**) are both particularly rare opportunities on the market.

The sale also features a fine, exceedingly rare **Liane** chandelier by **Jean Royère**. **Until now, it was** known through archive documents only (**estimate: €200,000 – 300,000**).

Design auction, 29 November at 2pm

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