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### THE COLLECTION OF A. JERROLD PERENCHIO

# CHARTWELL: AN HENRI SAMUEL COMMISSION | ONLINE 1-16 SEPTEMBER A CALIFORNIA LIFE | ONLINE 1-17 SEPTEMBER

### PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE PERENCHIO FOUNDATION







Left to right: The Garden Room, The Salon and The Morning Room, photography by Jim Bartsch

**New York –** Christie's is offering <u>The Collection of A. Jerrold Perenchio</u> in a two-part landmark online sale from 1-16/17 September. A titan of the media industry and philanthropist, Mr. Perenchio assembled one of the most preeminent collections of Impressionist Art in America. Chairman and CEO of Univision and one of the most important benefactors of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, where he bequeathed the majority of his collection, Mr. Perenchio created the extraordinary *mis-en-scène* of Chartwell mansion in collaboration with the renowned French designer Henri Samuel. All net proceeds will benefit the Perenchio Foundation, whose principal mission is to support visual and performing arts programs and institutions located in Los Angeles County.

The sales feature European furniture and ceramics, prints, old master drawings, sculpture, Chinese ceramics and works of art, silver, carpets, and memorabilia, which are curated across two themed online sales entitled: <a href="Maintenance-Chartwell: An Henri Samuel Commission">Chartwell: An Henri Samuel Commission</a> (1-16 September) and <a href="Maintenance-A California Life">A California Life</a> (1-17 September). Over 400 lots will be offered with estimates ranging from \$500 to \$100,000.

French Heritage Society, in collaboration with Christie's Education, will offer the first of a four-part series of complimentary online conversations on the decorative arts. <u>HAUTE HOMES: Reimagining the French Chateau</u>, <u>The Collection of A. Jerrold Perenchio</u> will take place on September 8.

### CHARTWELL

The exquisite and refined contents of Chartwell were the culmination of a five-year collaboration between Jerry Perenchio and Henri Samuel. Begun when the designer was already an octogenarian, it was one of Samuel's last projects and the apotheosis of his illustrious career, which saw him work for some of the greatest names in 20<sup>th</sup> century collecting: the French branch of the Rothschild family at Château de Ferrières, Jayne Wrightsman in her Palm Beach, London and New York residences, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan in Paris, Mr. & Mrs. John and Susan Gutfreund at 834 Park Avenue and fashion designer Valentino's 17<sup>th</sup> century Château de Wideville.

Inspired by the 1930's French style Chateau by celebrated Californian architect Sumner Spaulding, the interiors of Chartwell were built around Perenchio's existing Impressionist and modern art collection. Important Regence, Louis XV and Louis XVI French furniture, lighting, objects of virtue and magnificent Chinese and European carpets were purchased from the most notable *antiquaires* in Paris and designed to enhance the world-class quality fine art later bequeathed to LACMA.

### **AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS**

Alongside Parisian acquisitions, sale highlights include exquisitely maintained signature Henri Samuel soft furnishings with stylish modern commissions such as tables by Marco de Gueltzl. The spirit of 18<sup>th</sup> century collecting is embodied in the important ormolu-mounted Chinese porcelain and a rare pair of early 19<sup>th</sup> century Chinese *cloisonné* enamel censers.

Fine art includes prints by Henri Toulouse-Lautrec as well as photographs by Man Ray. More personal works reference aspects of his career including the George Bellows lithograph *A Stag at Sharkey's*, and an oversized Taschen book by Jeff Koons, "*G.O.A.T. - Greatest of all Time: Tribute to Muhammad Ali*," which is signed by the artist and boxer. A small but notable group of Winston Churchill memorabilia represents Perenchio's admiration for the wartime British Prime Minister.

### ABOUT A. JERROLD PERENCHIO (1930-2017)

Mr. Perenchio was the former owner and Chairman of Univision Communications Inc., the American-based Spanish-language media conglomerate. In his previous work for Tandem Productions/Embassy Television he was involved in creating popular shows such as "Maude," "All in the Family" and "Diff'rent Strokes." In 1971, as an event promoter, he put together the "Fight of the Century" between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier, and in 1973 he set up the famous tennis match between Bille Jean King and Bobby Riggs.

Mr. Perenchio made headlines in 2014 when, in a rare press announcement, he pledged nearly fifty European masterworks to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. "I never put my name on anything," the collector said at the time. "In this case, I've decided that it's worth a temporary step into the spotlight to encourage other collectors to give to LACMA and support the fundraising." The bequest, which included some of the most significant works from Mr. Perenchio's collection, will anchor LACMA's new permanent building, slated for completion in 2023. "Los Angeles helped make my career possible." Perenchio said, "My family and I are proud to be able to give something back." In 2011, Mr. Perenchio received an honorary doctorate from the California State University at Fresno. In his acceptance speech, Mr. Perenchio encouraged graduates to dream big, and promised that success would come with "lots of hard work, perseverance, mentoring, faith, ambition, and a good dose of luck." It was a winning combination that served as the bedrock of Mr. Perenchio's tremendous personal success. Whether in business or philanthropy, he possessed a true dedication to bold thinking and challenging conventions. His spirit will continue to resonate through the auction of his private collection of fine and decorative art.

### SELECT SALE HIGHLIGHTS CHARTWELL: AN HENRI SAMUEL COMMISSION | ONLINE 1-16 SEPTEMBER



A LOUIS XV GOLD AND JAPANESE LACQUER SNUFF BOX THE MOUNTS PARIS, CIRCA 1747 \$40,000-60,000



LOT 172

A FRENCH PARCEL-GILT SILVER AND
SILVER-PLATE DINNER SERVICE MARK OF
ODIOT, PARIS, AND CHRISTOFLE, PARIS,
MID 19TH CENTURY
\$30,000-50,000



LOT 68
A LOUIS XVI ORMOLU-MOUNTED
AMARANTH AND BOIS SATINE
PARQUETRY BUREAU PLAT
BY JEAN-FRANÇOIS LELEU, CIRCA 1775
\$60,000-100,000



A LOUIS XVI GOLD AND ENAMEL BONBONNIÉRE MAKER'S MARK ?CM, PARIS, 1779 \$6,000-8,000



A PAIR OF LOUIS XVI ORMOLUMOUNTED CHINESE BLUE-GROUND
PORCELAIN VASES
CIRCA 1770, THE PORCELAIN 18TH
CENTURY
\$25,000-40,000



THE 'STRADBROKE' GEORGE III
AXMINSTER CARPET
POSSIBLY AFTER A DESIGN BY
JAMES WYATT, ENGLAND, CIRCA 1790
\$100,000-150,000



A PAIR OF LOUIS XV ORMOLU
THREE-BRANCH WALL-LIGHTS
MID-18TH CENTURY
\$30,000-50,000



A PAIR OF NORTH EUROPEAN GILT-METAL AND CUT-GLASS EIGHTEEN-LIGHT CHANDELIERS IN THE MANNER WERNER UND MIETH, 19TH CENTURY \$20,000-40,000



LOT 65

A SET OF FOUR LATE LOUIS XVI
WHITE-PAINTED FAUTEUILS
BY NICOLAS HEURTAUT, THE
UPHOLSTERY SUPPLIED BY
HENRI SAMUEL, CIRCA 1765-1770
(From a set of eight, to be sold as
two sets of four)
\$40,000-60,000



LOT 133

PAIR OF LARGE CHINESE CLOISONNÉ
ENAMEL CENSERS
LATE 18TH- EARLY 19TH CENTURY
\$30,000-50,000



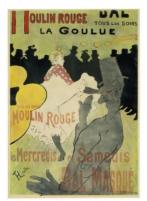
LOT 36

MARCO DE GUELTZL (1958-1992)

Pair of side tables

circa 1990

\$3,000-5,000



LOT 152
HENRI DE TOULOUSE-LAUTREC
(1864-1901)
Moulin Rouge - La Goulue
lithograph in colors, 1891
\$50,000-70,000

### SELECT SALE HIGHLIGHTS A CALIFORNIA LIFE | ONLINE 1-17 SEPTEMBER



LOT 256

GEORGE BELLOWS (1882-1925)

A Stag at Sharkey's
lithograph, on wove paper, 1917
\$60,000-80,000



LOT 259
A PAIR OF BOXING GLOVES
AUTOGRAPHED BY MUHAMMAD ALI
\$1,500-2,000



LOT 269
AN ASSEMBLED SILVER BAR
SERVICE MOST MARK OF TIFFANY &
CO., SECOND HALF 20TH CENTURY
\$2,500-3,500



LOT 403
AN AGRA CARPET
NORTH INDIA, LAST QUARTER 19TH
CENTURY
\$40,000-60,000



LOT 327
HENRI SAMUEL (1904-1996)
A SET OF THREE FRENCH WHITE-PAINTED ARMCHAIRS, CIRCA 1990
\$1,000-1,500



AN EXTENSIVE LIMOGES (RAYNAUD & CIE) PORCELAIN GILT-WHITE PART SERVICE

20TH CENTURY, GREEN-PRINTED AND GILT SWAN MARKS
\$6,000-10,000

#### **NOTE TO EDITORS**

- <u>Register</u> for Christie's Education complimentary discussion series on the decorative arts in collaboration with French Heritage Society
- Other Collections designed by Henri Samuel which Christie's will auction in 2020 include; Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan Collection in Paris, 1 October and online, The Private Collection of Jane Wrightsman, New York, 14 October and online and Mr. & Mrs. John and Susan Gutfreund Collection, New York, 16 December and online.

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