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CHRISTIE'S HONG KONG CHINESE CERAMICS AND WORKS OF ART DEPARTMENT **PRESENTS** 

MAGNIFICENT AND IMPORTANT MASTERPIECES FROM PRIVATE COLLECTIONS AND INSTITUTIONS



Taipei | 7 – 8 May Beijing | 8 – 10 May Hong Kong | 22 – 29 May



THE PROPERTY OF A LADY

A Rare Imperial *Zitan* and Hardwood Gilt-Lacquered Throne
Qing Dynasty (18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Century)
37.3/4 in. (96 cm.) high, 50 in. (127 cm.) wide, 39.1/2 in. (100.3 cm.) deep
Estimate: HK\$5,000,000 – 7,000,000 / US\$650,000 – 900,000

Christie's Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art Spring Auctions in Hong Kong will take place on 30 May 2022. This season features the dedicated, single-owner auction <a href="Celestial Brilliance - The Wang Xing Lou Collection of Imperial Qing Dynasty Porcelain">Celestial Brilliance - The Wang Xing Lou Collection of Imperial Qing Dynasty Porcelain</a>, and the leading lot of the season — A Magnificent and Extremely Rare Large Doucai Vase — to be offered in the highly anticipated <a href="Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art">Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art</a> sale, which will showcase an exceptional selection of magnificent and important Chinese treasures from private collections and institutions.

Marco Almeida, Head of Department, Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art, comments: "This season, we are privileged to offer an array of unique masterpieces from private collections and institutions, including a themed sale for the remarkable Wang Xing Lou Collection, as well as the 'Munson-Williams-Proctor' *Doucai* Vase and a sensationally curated Buddhist art section, to be presented in our Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art sale. Christie's unites global collectors in their quest to enrich their collections with extraordinary and culturally important works to be offered this May."

The standalone *Celestial Brilliance The Wang Xing Lou Collection of Imperial Qing Dynasty Porcelain* sale presents an exquisite selection of 28 pieces of Imperial porcelain from three of the most prominent reigns of the Qing Dynasty: Kangxi, Yongzheng, and Qianlong. This long-awaited collection has not been seen at auction for over two decades, and is sure to generate much excitement in the saleroom. The highlights of the collection include A Magnificent And Rare *Famille Rose Fahua* Style Jar And Cover and An Exquisite Imperial Ruby Red Ground *Falangcai* 'Indian Lotus' Wine Cup, (please click HERE for the dedicated press release).

The *Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art* sale will showcase a key highlight — A Magnificent And Extremely Rare Large *Doucai* Vase — which is from the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute of Utica, New York. Proceeds from the sale of the lot will benefit The Helen Munson Williams Acquisition Fund, solely for the purchase of artworks for the institute's permanent collection (please click <u>HERE</u> for the dedicated press release). Other sale highlights range from Tang and Song dynasty ceramics, Imperial porcelain from the Ming and Qing dynasties, Buddhist art, scholar's objects, jade carvings, and *Huanghuali* furniture.

Rounding out the offerings this spring is a selection of sacred Buddhist art offerings, including a series of stunning Buddhist bronzes and sculptures from the Tang to Qing Dynasty. Top lots include a majestically Rare Early-Ming Gilt-Bronze Figure Of Vajradhara (COVER PAGE) from a private Swiss collector (Estimate: HK\$5,000,000-8,000,000/US\$650,000 – 1,000,000); and An Exceedingly Rare Pair Of Gilt-bronze Seated Luohan Figures from the Yuan to early Ming Dynasty. Other highlights include A Rare Imperial Zitan and Hardwood Gilt-lacquered Throne (PICTURED ABOVE) from Qing Dynasty, 18th – 19th Century, constructed of the finest and rarest materials and of the highest possible workmanship from the Qing Dynasty; and an extraordinary Carved White Jade 'Scholar In Landscape' Brush Pot from the Qianlong Period (1736-1795), hailing from the Quincy Chuang Collection, an important collection consisting of 30 lots of impressive jade carvings, enameled wares, and porcelain from the passionate collector, Mr. Quincy Chuang.

### IMPORTANT CHINESE CERAMICS AND WORKS OF ART



## PROPERTY OF THE MUNSON-WILLIAMS-PROCTOR ARTS INSTITUTE SOLD TO BENEFIT THE HELEN MUNSON WILLIAMS ACQUISITION FUND

#### A Magnificent and Extremely Rare Large Doucai Vase

Qianlong Six-character Seal Mark in Underglaze Blue and of the Period (1736-1795) 20.3/4 in. (52.7 cm.), wood stand

Estimate: HK\$30,000,000 - 50,000,000 / US\$3,900,000 - 6,400,000



#### THE PROPERTY OF A LADY

A Very Rare Blue and White 'Peony' Meiping

Yuan Dynasty (1279-1368) 15.9/16 in. (39.6 cm.) high

Estimate: HK\$8,000,000 - 12,000,000 / US\$1,100,000 - 1,500,000



#### PROPERTY FROM AN IMPORTANT AMERICAN COLLECTION

A Fine Magnificent and Large Blue and White 'Sanduo' Hexagonal Vase

Qianlong Six-character Seal Mark in Underglaze Blue and of the Period (1736-1795) 26 in. (66 cm.) high, cloth box

Estimate: HK\$7,000,000 - 9,000,000 / US\$900,000 - 1,200,000

### IMPORTANT CHINESE CERAMICS AND WORKS OF ART



A Pair of Huanghuali Horseshoe-Back Armchairs, Quanyi

Late Ming-early Qing Dynasty, 17th Century 39 in. (99.1 cm) high

26 in. (66 cm) wide

28 in. (71.2 cm) deep

Estimate: HK\$1,200,000 - 1,800,000 / US\$160,000 - 230,000



### PROPERTY FROM THE QUINCY CHUANG COLLECTION

A Carved White Jade 'Scholar in Landscape' Brush Pot Qianlong Period (1736-1795) 4.7/8 in. (12.3 cm.) diam., box Estimate: HK\$900,000 - 1,200,000 / US\$120,000 - 150,000



### PROPERTY FROM THE QUINCY CHUANG COLLECTION

A Huanghuali Kang Table, Kangzhuo

Ming Dynasty, Late 16<sup>th</sup> – early 17<sup>th</sup> Century 11.3/4 in. (30 cm.) high 37.3/4 in. (96 cm.) wide

26.3/4 in. (68 cm.) deep Estimate: HK\$1,200,000 - 1,800,000 / US\$160,000 - 230,000

### IMPORTANT CHINESE CERAMICS AND WORKS OF ART



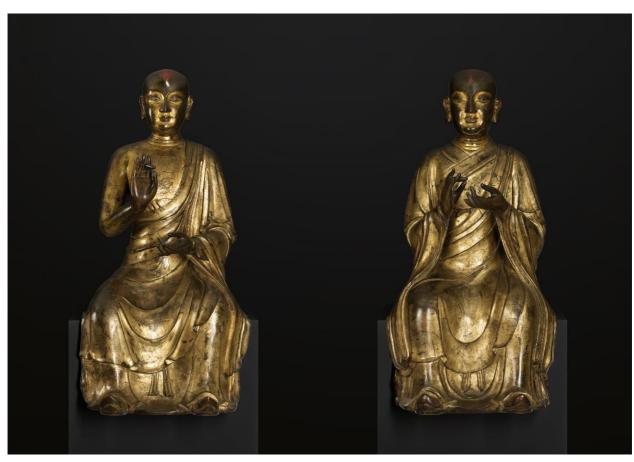
A Magnificent Imperial Polychrome Sandalwood Figure of Chakrasamvara and Vajravarahi

Kangxi Period (1662-1722) 23.5/8 in. (60 cm.) high Estimate: HK\$3,800,000 – 5,500,000 / U\$\$490,000 – 700,000



A Large Bronze Figure of Avalokiteshvara Ming Dynasty, 15<sup>th</sup> Century

20.3/4 in. (52.6 cm.) high Estimate: HK\$3,000,000 - 5,000,000 / US\$490,000 - 640,000



PROPERTY FROM A DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN COLLECTION
An Exceedingly Rare Pair of Gilt-bronze Seated Luohan Figures
Yuan-early Ming Dynasty, 13th -15th Century
33.1/4 in. (85 cm) and 33.1/2 in. (87.6 cm.) high, respectively

Estimate: HK\$12,000,000 – 18,000,000 / US\$1,600,000 – 2,300,000

### **Notes To Editor**

### Preview (By appointment only):

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#### Auction:

**Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art** 

Date: 30 May 2022

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

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The Magnificent Munson-Williams-Proctor Doucai Vase

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