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Important Jewels

AUCTION IN SYDNEY 3 DECEMBER 2013



PROPERTY FORMERLY IN THE COLLECTION OF JOAN CRAWFORD
GOLD AND CITRINE NECKLACE/BROOCH, RAYMOND YARD, CIRCA 1940.
ESTIMATE \$48,000-58,000

Featuring a magnificent collection of historic, modern and contemporary jewels, Sotheby's Australia's **Important Jewels** auction will be held in Sydney on 3 December. Comprising 235 lots with an estimate sale range of \$2.02 to 2.74 million, the impressive collection includes unique pieces formerly in the collection of the Hollywood legend Joan Crawford and is expected to generate significant interest from both Australian and international collectors.

Formerly in the collection of **Joan Crawford** the **Raymond Yard gold and citrine necklace/brooch** (estimate \$48,000-58,000, lot 137, pictured previous) is a magnificent offering in the sale. Renowned for his art deco style jewels, Yard catered to the most elite American families, including the Rockefellers and Woolworths. The necklace features a centred clip-brooch set with a rectangular modified brilliant-cut citrine weighing approximately 350.00 carats.

Crawford was one of the most successful and prominent Hollywood performers of her time and was voted by the American Film Institute as one of the top 10 greatest female stars in American cinema history. Crawford was best known for her Academy Award winning performance as Mildred in *Mildred Pierce* (1945). After her death, Crawford was immortalised by Faye Dunaway in the film, *Mommie Dearest* (1981).



JOAN CRAWFORD WEARING GOLD AND CITRINE NECKLACE/BROOCH, RAYMOND YARD & GOLD AND CITRINE BRACELET. (Photograph by George Hurrell 1941)

Also featured in the sale is an extravagant **fancy yellow diamond suite by Tiffany & Co.** (estimate \$45,000-65,000, lot 182). Of cluster design, the necklace features a natural vivid yellow cushion-shaped



EMERALD AND DIAMOND BRACELET, CARTIER, CIRCA 1930.
ESTIMATE \$90,000-110,000

diamond weighs 1.66 carat within a surround of brilliant-cut colourless diamonds completed by a fine trace link chain, paired with natural fancy intense yellow diamond earrings, together weighing 1.61 carats.

A contemporary **diamond suite by Cartier** is another highlight of the sale, encompassing a necklace with three rows of baton-shaped links and round brilliant-cut diamonds alternating between similarly set circular collets, and a matching five row bracelet en suite (estimate \$130,000-150,000, lot 180). Among the vintage Cartier pieces included is an exquisite 1930s **emerald and diamond bracelet** (estimate \$90,000-110,000, lot 176, pictured previous), and an **18ct gold bracelet from 1971** (estimate \$35,000-40,000, lot 164) featuring seven hammered-gold oval plaques alternating between Cartier's signature 'X' shape links.

Founded in 1960 the house of Graff is known for handling diamonds of notable rarity and beauty. An exceptional **pair of fancy intense yellow diamond and golden south sea pearl drop earrings** (estimate \$40,000-60,000, lot 110, pictured), is

a testament to the effortless elegance and timeless modernity that Graff aspires to. Each earring features an articulated line of bezel-set natural fancy intense yellow oval and radiant-cut diamonds, surmounted by a pear-shaped diamond, which terminate on a diamond capped drop-shaped golden south sea cultured pearl.

'This carefully curated collection of Important Jewels reinforces Sotheby's Australia's commitment to offering the finest jewels by the world's leading jewellery designers, such as Bulgari, Cartier, Graff, Harry Winston, Hermes, Paspaley and Tiffany & Co.,' said Sotheby's Australia Chairman, Geoffrey Smith. 'The sale includes items of historical interest through to the contemporary and provides a unique opportunity for a collector to experience a broad spectrum of jewels from the world's leading design houses.'



PAIR OF FANCY INTENSE YELLOW DIAMOND
AND GOLDEN SOUTH SEA PEARL DROP
EARRINGS, GRAFF.
ESTIMATE \$40,000-60,000

AT A GLANCE

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