

## Important Jewels

AUCTION IN SYDNEY 4 DECEMBER 2012



DIAMOND DEMI-PARURE, BOUCHERON. ESTIMATE \$140,000-220,000

ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTIONS OF IMPORTANT JEWELS will be presented for sale by Sotheby's Australia on **4 December 2012 in Sydney**. **Important Jewels** comprises 308 lots of exceptional gemstones and designer pieces, with an estimate range of \$1.9 million to 2.8 million. Designer jewels include pieces from the houses of **Boucheron, Cartier, Harry Winston, and Tiffany & Co.** A particular highlight is a private collection of over **50 pieces of significant Paspaley Jewels**.

Established in 1858 by Frederic Boucheron, the House of Boucheron is renowned for its long-history of producing pieces of great beauty and harmony. The sale includes a hand crafted diamond necklace with matching bracelet, both set in 18ct white gold (Diamond demi-parure, Boucheron, estimate \$140,000-220,000, lot 232, pictured previous). The suite is an impressive piece of artistry. It epitomises Boucheron's careful and judicious matching of each diamond for quality, with the subtle graduation of the gems within the settings exemplifying the houses craftsmanship.

Diamond solitaire rings are of enduring style and elegance. Of the various shapes, round cut diamonds require the most intricate cutting attention to achieve ideal symmetry and proportion. Harry Winston has created a timeless classic with a round brilliant cut 4.02 carat diamond flanked either side by a tapered baguette cut diamond (Diamond ring, Harry Winston, estimate \$200,000-300,00, lot 119, pictured).



Renowned for their innovation and creativity, Tiffany & Co. jewels are characterised by the use of extraordinary gemstones and their distinctive design. A necklace of graduating turquoise beads, complemented by a platinum clasp pave set with round brilliant diamonds is a striking statement of Tiffany & Co. style (Turquoise and diamond necklace, Tiffany & Co., estimate \$30,000-50,000, lot 153).

A highlight of this sale is a significant collection of pearl jewellery from the renowned Australian pearler, Paspaley. Paspaley are recognised for their dedication, commitment and stringent quality control standards in bringing forth the very best pearls. Sotheby's Australia is privileged to offer over 50 lots from a private collection. The collection comprises necklaces, bracelets, earrings and rings and represents the largest single collection of Paspaley ever to be offered for auction. A true representation of Australian jewellery resources is an opal, South Sea pearl and diamond necklace, which features a graduated collar featuring 9 opals. These opals are variously shaped and highlighted by brilliant cut diamond accents at set intervals, alternating between 65 baroque pearls and asymmetrically set diamond clusters.

'The discerning selection of quality gemstones and designer pieces in the December sale reinforces Sotheby's Australia's commitment of presenting the finest jewels for auction' said Geoffrey Smith, Chairman of Sotheby's Australia. 'It is an honour to be entrusted with a significant collection of Paspaley Pearls, reiterating our support of Australian designers in the global market.'

## AT A GLANCE

IMPORTANT JEWELS, SOTHEBY'S AUSTRALIA  
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INTERCONTINENTAL SYDNEY, 117 MACQUARIE STREET, SYDNEY

LOTS ON OFFER: 308  
ESTIMATE RANGE: \$1.9 - 2.8 million

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926 HIGH STREET ARMADALE

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