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Sparkling Results

AUCTION IN MELBOURNE 3 SEPTEMBER 2013



AQUAMARINE, DIAMOND AND SAPPHIRE PENDANT NECKLACE/BROOCH, TIFFANY & CO., 1939-1942 (DETAIL)
SOLD FOR \$158,600 SEPTEMBER 2013

STRONG RESULTS were achieved at the sale of **Important Jewels** at Sotheby's Australia in Melbourne. Comprising 196 lots of exceptional gemstones and designer pieces, the sale achieved a total of \$1,275,388 including Buyer's Premium (IBP), or 70% by volume and 55% by value. 'The success of our Melbourne auction of Important Jewels continues to reflect the demand for Sotheby's Australia's refined selection of quality gemstones and designer pieces', said Geoffrey Smith, Chairman of Sotheby's Australia.

Featured on the catalogue cover an **aquamarine, diamond and sapphire pendant necklace/brooch** (Tiffany & Co., 1939-1942, estimate \$60,000-80,000, lot 111) was a striking and commanding item of jewellery and with competitive bidding sold to a room bidder for \$158,600 IBP. The companion jewels comprising earrings and a bracelet sold for \$18,300 IBP and \$73,200 IBP respectively (Pair of aquamarine, diamond and sapphire earrings, Tiffany & Co., 1939-1942, estimate \$15,000-20,000, lot 108. Aquamarine, diamond and sapphire bracelet, Tiffany & Co., 1939-1942, estimate \$60,000-80,000, lot 109).

Coloured Diamonds are continue to be in high demand with collectors; a **fancy yellow diamond ring** sold for \$67,100 IBP against a presale estimate of \$25,000-35,000 (lot 122). The piece featured a round brilliant-cut diamond weighing 5.35 carats, was claw-set, and mounted in 18ct gold.

Time seemed to stop as a **special edition 2009 Rolex** was auctioned. With the opening bid of \$20,000 the auctioneer's increments soon rose to the final price of \$39,040 IBP. The Rolex watch featured a zebra stripe dial, diamond indexes, black sapphire set bezel and 18ct white gold folding clasp (estimate \$20,000-30,000, lot 181).

'This September we have seen some of the finest items of jewels auctioned by Sotheby's Australia' said Geoffrey Smith, Chairman of Sotheby's Australia. 'The collection featured a diverse array of significant pieces by designers, and items were sold to our national and international collectors.'



ROLEX A SPECIAL EDITION 18CT WHITE GOLD, DIAMOND AND BLACK SAPPHIRE AUTOMATIC CENTRE SECONDS WRISTWATCH WITH DATE REF 116199SANR CASE V023753 DATEJUST 'ROYAL BLACK' CIRCA 2009. SOLD FOR \$39,040 SEPTEMBER 2013



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AUCTION IN MELBOURNE 3 SEPTEMBER 2013 | 6 PM
ANZAC HOUSE, LEVEL 1, 4 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE

LOTS ON OFFER: 196
ESTIMATE RANGE: \$2,322,400-\$3,176,700

TOTAL SALE INCLUDING BUYER'S PREMIUM \$1,275,388
SOLD BY VALUE 54.92%
SOLD BY VOLUME 69.9%

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For a full catalogue, high resolution images, further information or to arrange an interview with Geoffrey Smith, please contact John Keats or Yumeko Leung.

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