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Arts & Design

AUCTION IN MELBOURNE 29 OCTOBER 2013



A YELLOW-GROUND 'FAMILLE-ROSE' SGRAFFIATO BOWL SEAL MARK AND PERIOD OF QIANLONG.
ESTIMATE \$25,000-30,000

Sotheby's Australia is pleased to announce the forthcoming **Fine Asian, Australian & European Arts & Design** auction to be held in **Melbourne, 29 October 2013**. The sale features works by exemplary designers and practitioners. Highlights include carefully selected examples of Chinese ceramics and works of art, European designer furniture, glass and silver and a strong selection of Australian and European paintings and works on paper. Leading practitioners include, **Gallé, Georg Jensen, Lalique**, and noted Australian artists **John Brack, Ray Crooke, John Glover, Albert Tucker** and **Brett Whiteley**. Comprising 256 lots, the sale estimate is \$1 million to 1.5 million.

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Asian Art will again feature strongly in the sale with rare ceramics, fine bronzes, carvings and furniture proving to be in demand as evident from Sotheby's Australia's Art & Design sale in June of this year, when Asian art sold 73.5% by volume and 274.5% sold by value. Among the Asian Art highlights offered is a remarkable **yellow-ground 'Famille-Rose' Sgraffiato bowl from the period of Qianlong (1736-1795)** (estimate \$25,000-30,000, lot 109, pictured previous).

Glass vases by **Emile Gallé** are another highlight. The French artist achieved international fame after exhibiting at the Paris Exhibition of 1878. With his focus on naturalism and floral themes, Gallé contributed greatly to the French Art Nouveau movement. His widow continued to produce Gallé glassware after his death in 1904 until the firm closed in 1935. Eleven Gallé vases from a single private collection will be offered at the sale. European furniture items also feature in the sale, such as a variety of 18th and 19th century chairs, tables and commodes, as well as a **George II and later cabinet on chest**, magnificently lacquered in red and decorated in Chinoiserie (estimate \$40,000-60,000, lot 50, pictured).

Works by renowned Australian artists are well represented in the auction, from colonial through to contemporary. An important collection of 19th Century watercolours by **Joseph Bradshaw** provide a unique and interesting insight into his explorations into north western Australia and the images document some of the indigenous environs he encountered (Joseph Bradshaw 1854-1916 and Collaborator, (*An Important Collection of 19th Century Archaeological watercolours*), estimate \$15,000-25,000, lot 255).



A GEORGE II AND LATER RED LACQUERED DOUBLE DOMED CABINET ON CHEST.
ESTIMATE \$40,000-60,000

The auction includes a significant collection of 14 paintings by artist Sam Byrne from the **Estate of the Late Mr Irvin Rockman CBE**. Painted in a 'naïve' style the subject matter of the paintings range from mining scenes (Byrne was a miner by profession) through to rabbit plagues and commentary on important historical events including the Burke and Wills Expedition. Irvin Rockman was influential in Melbourne business and cultural life, he was elected Lord Mayor of Melbourne in 1977 and in 1981 opened the glamorous Rockman Regency Hotel. Sotheby's Australia is privileged to offer this meticulously acquired collection for sale at auction (Property from the Estate of the Late Mr Irvin Rockman CBE, Melbourne, lots 210-223).

'Sotheby's Australia remains highly focused and committed to sourcing and offering only the finest examples of Arts & Design,' said Geoffrey Smith, Chairman of Sotheby's Australia. 'This commitment provides an unparalleled opportunity for collectors to acquire a piece of furniture, a fine ceramic or a quality painting made or designed by some of the finest practitioners from Australia and around the world.'

AT A GLANCE

ESTIMATE \$999,900-1,461,300

LOTS ON OFFER: 256

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