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## Important Jewels

Sydney 3 September 2014



Yellow diamond, diamond and ruby dragon brooch, Buccellati. Estimate \$100,000+150,000

A magnificent collection of historic, modern and contemporary jewels will be offered for sale at Sotheby's Australia's Important Jewels auction on 3 September in Sydney. Comprising 252 lots of exceptional quality and design, the estimated sale range is \$2.5 to \$3.5 million and presents a rare opportunity for discerning collectors. The sale includes a strong collection of large diamonds, vintage jewels and timepieces rarely offered to the market, as well as outstanding jewels from the world's most prestigious design houses.

A feature of the sale is a striking yellow diamond, diamond and ruby dragon brooch (estimate \$100,000-150,000, lot 159, pictured) by Italy's most exclusive luxury jewellery brand, Buccellati. The fiercely ascending dragon dazzles with a lattice of boat-shaped motifs millegrain-set with brilliant-cut natural yellow diamonds, and a tail of diamonds. Circular-cut rubies are used to create the dragon's eye and depict the flames that roar from its mouth. With diamonds weighing 4.24 carats and rubies weighing 0.22 carats, mounted in 18ct yellow, white and pink gold the jewelled creature is unquestionably a piece of considerable significance.

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From leading design houses, a diamond Cartier bracelet (estimate \$80,000-120,000, lot 164) and two pairs of diamond Harry Winston earrings (lot 89 & 90) are tipped to be highlights in the sale. Lot 89 (\$80,000-120,000) boasts an intricate flower-head motif centred with a brilliant-cut diamond and surrounding petals of spectacular marquise and pear-shaped diamonds. The combined weight of the diamonds is approximately 12.20 carats. In contrast lot 90 (estimate \$28,000-34,000) takes the more contemporary form of a pair of circular hoops with a line of brilliant-cut diamonds.



Fancy intense yellow diamond and diamond ring, Tiffany & Co. Estimate \$80,000-120,000

A fancy intense yellow diamond and diamond ring by Tiffany & Co. (estimate \$80,000-120,000, lot 128, pictured) presents a wonderful opportunity for bidders to acquire a beautiful piece in the secondary market. The ring consists of a natural fancy intense yellow cut-cornered rectangular modified brilliant-cut diamond weighing 3.43 carats, claw set between shoulders accented with a pair of trilliant-cut diamonds together weighing approximately 1.20 carats, mounted in 18ct gold. Accompanying the ring is a GIA report stating the 3.43 carat diamond is Natural Fancy Intense Yellow colour, Internally Flawless clarity.



18ct gold and diamond pendant necklace and earring suite, Boucheron. Estimate \$62,000-82,000

An 18ct gold and diamond pendant necklace and earring suite by Boucheron is a fine example of one of the rare collectables being offered in the September sale. The House of Boucheron was founded in 1858 by Frédéric Boucheron and became one of the most widely known French family dynasties, renowned for unequivocal craftsmanship and design. All together the diamonds amount to approximately 17.00 carats. The suite is expected to garner attention from both Australian and international bidders with a pre-sale estimate of \$62,000-82,000 (lot 116).

‘Sotheby’s Australia’s Important Jewels sales are a great source of excitement among collectors,’ says Geoffrey Smith, Chairman of Sotheby’s Australia. ‘We are delighted to offer such a wonderful selection of designer pieces and quality gemstones in our September auction. The diversity and strength of our Important Jewels auction is a testament to our commitment to sourcing rare pieces of the highest quality.’

## AT A GLANCE

### Important Jewels

Auction in Sydney, 3 September 2014, 5.30 pm  
InterContinental Sydney, Fort Macquarie Room  
117 Macquarie Street, Sydney

### Exhibition in Melbourne

22-24 August, 10 am to 5 pm  
Level 9, 41 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

### Exhibition in Sydney

29 August – 2 September, 10 am to 5 pm  
30 Queen Street, Woollahra, Sydney

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