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Three Private Collections of Chinese Huanghuali Furniture for Auction at Sotheby's Australia

AUCTION IN SYDNEY 18 JULY 2018



A Ming-style huanghuali and hardwood round corner tapered cabinet Yuanjiaogui, 19th/20th century. Estimate \$18,000-22,000.

One of the most extensive collections of Chinese furniture recently offered for public sale in Australia, including a selection made from the rare huanghuali timber, will be auctioned by Sotheby's Australia on 18 July in Sydney. The comprehensive range of furniture including bookcases, cabinets, chairs and tables has been consigned from three private collections in Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

Geoffrey Smith, Chairman of Sotheby's Australia commented: 'A highlight of the Asian Art component in our July auction is the diverse collection of huanghuali furniture that follows our recent strong results for Chinese furniture made from this exceptional timber.'

A slow growing dense hardwood, huanghuali is endemic to China and occurs in Fujian, Hainan, Zhejiang and Guangdong. The name of the timber is translated as 'yellow flowering pear' wood. Described as having a sweet fragrance, the timber is renowned for its translucent shimmering surface with abstract patterns that engage the eye.

Highlights of Huanghuali

PROPERTY FROM A PRIVATE COLLECTION, QUEENSLAND

Lot 272

A huanghuali and hardwood Ming-style open shelf cabinet with spindles and lattice-work Toulung Jiang, 19th/20th century

Featuring two pairs of open work latticed doors, the cabinet is divided by four horizontal shelves.

Estimate \$9,000-12,000 (pictured)



PROPERTY FROM A PRIVATE COLLECTION, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Lot 353

A Ming-style huanghuali and hardwood round corner tapered cabinet Yuanjiaogui, 19th/20th Century

This cabinet set on slightly splayed rounded corner posts, features well figured matching panel doors, opens to reveal two rectangular drawers between removable shelves.

Estimate \$18,000-22,000 (pictured previous)

PROPERTY FROM A PRIVATE COLLECTION, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Lot 347

A pair of huanghuali Qing-style armchairs, Quanyi and a side table, 20th century

The chairs are composed of a rounded crestrail set on straight front and back posts. The cut-scrolled terminals are carved with openwork foliate scrolls, the back splat enclosing a pierced ruyi-shaped foliate panel and flanked with similarly pierced spandrels.

Estimate \$9,000-12,000 (pictured)



AT A GLANCE

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Auction in Sydney, 18 July 2018, 6 pm
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