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**HAUTE JOAILLERIE ARTIST
ANNA HU'S
SILK ROAD MUSIC COLLECTION
SHINES AT SOTHEBY'S HONG KONG
MAGNIFICENT JEWELS AND JADEITE 2019 AUTUMN SALE**

Highlighting

The *Dunhuang Pipa* Necklace

Designed and mounted by Anna Hu

Set With a 100.02-carat Fancy Intense Yellow Diamond

Est. HK\$40-50 million / US\$5-6.25 million



Exhibition: 3 – 6 October | Auction: 7 October
Hall 1, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

Hong Kong, 16 August 2019 Sotheby's Hong Kong is thrilled to collaborate with Chinese haute joallierie artist, Anna Hu to offer her latest jewellery creations, titled ***Silk Road Music Collection***, at its Magnificent Jewels and Jadeite Autumn Sale. Specially commissioned for this collaboration, the collection features five jewellery pieces inspired by the musical and cultural exchanges that took place in the Silk Road - an ancient trade route connecting the East and West dating back thousands of years. Leading the collection is *The Dunhuang Pipa Necklace, designed and mounted by Anna Hu*, set with a 100.02-carat fancy intense yellow diamond (est. HK\$40-50 million / US\$5 – 6.25 million), which will go under the hammer on 7 October in Hong Kong.

Yvonne Chu, Acting Head of Department, Jewellery, Sotheby's, comments: "We are excited to present the latest jewellery creations by the talented contemporary jewellery artist Anna Hu, who has transformed top quality gemstones into inspirational jewellery masterpieces. The *Dunhuang Pipa* necklace is one of the most important jewellery pieces on offer this season. "

Anna Hu, artist of the Silk Road Music Collection, comments: "It is absolutely a pleasure to collaborate with Sotheby's on this project, and be given the opportunity to work with the 100.02 carat yellow diamond, which is a true gift from nature. I want this collection to speak to my Chinese root, and I thought the beauty of jewels could be enhanced with a touch of the traditional yet exotic music that once flowed through the Silk Road."

ANNA HU HAUTE JOAILLERIE: THE CONCEPT

Anna Hu seeks design inspirations from her passion for music and western art. A beautiful blend of the Eastern and Western aesthetics, Hu's jewellery design is imbued with musicality, in which shapes and lines of the pieces often resembles the fluid movements of music. Her brand is known for creating one-of-a-kind pieces with rare gemstones, crafted by skilled French-trained artisans.

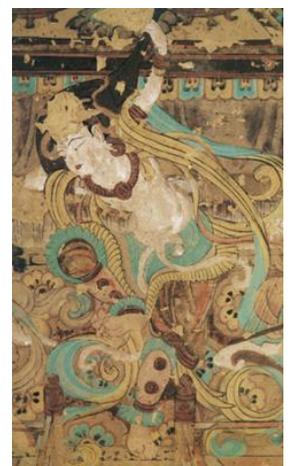
THE DUNHUANG PIPA NECKLACE, designed and mounted by Anna Hu

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Est. HKD40-50 million / US\$ 5 – 6.25 million



The *Silk Road Music* collection is led by ***The Dunhuang Pipa Necklace, designed and mounted by Anna Hu***, set with an impressive 100.02-carat fancy intense yellow diamond. Touched by the culture from Silk Road, Hu took inspiration from an imagery of a lady playing the pipa (a four-stringed Chinese lute) depicted on the Dunhuang murals, to conjure the silhouette of this necklace which resembles a Chinese Pipa attached to lines of western staff that flows gracefully along the neckline. Transformable into a brooch and an earring, the necklace is designed for modern-day women who appreciate intricate designs with a versatile twist.



ABOUT ANNA HU

Anna Hu grew up studying classical music and trained as a cellist since a very young age. Born in Taiwan to gemstone dealer parents, she fell in love with stones at just the same time, when aged 8, she started to play the cello. When severe injuries to her shoulder abruptly ended her blossoming musical career, she turned to her second love: jewellery. In 2008, Hu founded her namesake brand, Anna Hu Haute Joaillerie, opening her first boutique in New York.

Hu presented her first global exhibition at the Louvre's Les Arts Décoratifs in Paris in July 2012 and celebrated the launch of her first book, *Symphony of Jewels, op. 1*, in the same year. One of the youngest jewellery artists invited to exhibit in La Biennale Paris, Hu was the first Asian female jeweller admitted into Comité de la Haute Joaillerie Paris, a prestigious recognition alongside famed French jewellery houses.

In 2013, Anna Hu's Côte d'Azur Brooch was auctioned for CHF 4,197,000 (US\$ 4,568,163) in Geneva, setting a record for the highest price paid for a contemporary jewellery artist at the time. Her jewellery has been worn by style-influencers, including Madonna, Gwyneth Paltrow, Natalie Portman, Scarlett Johansson, as well as contemporary artist Cindy Sherman, and Jetsun Pema, the Queen of Bhutan.

MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SILK ROAD MUSIC COLLECTION

Jadeite, Diamond and Pink Sapphire Brooch, *Cello*, Anna Hu

Est. HK\$2,200,000 – 2,800,000 / US\$280,000 – 350,000

Anna approaches jewellery design like music creation, and a melodic beauty protrudes through her works. This jade cello brooch takes inspiration from Picasso's *Violin Hanging on the Wall*, housed in Switzerland's Museum of Fine Arts Bern (Kunstmuseum Bern) and is composed of jadeites ranging from 1.43 carats to 34.93 carats, outlined with yellow and white diamonds. Anna applied smooth silhouettes to outline and create the cello body and injected her love for music into the design, evoking the power of a sensational melody that sweeps people off their feet.



Conch Pearl, Gem Set and Diamond Brooch, *Blue Magpie*, Anna Hu

Est. HK\$ 1,500,000 – 1,800,000 / US\$190,000 – 225,000



Inspired by an antique Blue-and-White Flower-Bird motif on a circle-squared porcelain plate from the National Museum of History, as well as the works of Giuseppe Castiglione, the Jesuit missionary and painter at the imperial court of China, Anna extracted the essence of Eastern arts and applied it in the design of the Blue Magpie Brooch.

The classic blue and white Magpie motif is reinterpreted with western colour palette, to picture an idyllic scene. Paved with over five hundred gems, two blue Magpies perch on delicate tree branches, resulting in a colourful creation that combines Chinese aesthetics and Western aristocracy.

Pair of Conch Pearl, Sapphire and Diamond Earrings, *Ellington*, Anna Hu

Est. HK\$2,200,000 – 2,800,000 / US\$280,000 – 350,000

Combining the two loves of her life – music and jewellery, Anna visualises an enchanting jazz melody through the creation of Ellington Earrings.

The earrings blend piano keys with the shape of harp, elegantly representing the melodic flow of classical jazz music. Composed of blue sapphires, baguette cut and modified cut diamonds, this pair of unique earrings is highlighted with conch pearls that connote musical notes.



Ruby and Diamond Ring, *Appassionata*, Anna Hu

Est. HK\$650,000 – 850,000 / US\$80,000 – 100,000



Taking inspiration from romantic piano blues, Anna plays with five rare rubies, which represent the black piano keys, to create this beautiful musical jewellery. Outlined with diamonds, the ring glides over three fingers elegantly as a wonderful interpretation of a classical jazz riff.

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I) SOTHEBY'S HONG KONG 2019 AUTUMN SALES

DATE: 3-8 October, 2019

VENUE: Hall 1, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (New Wing), 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

ASIA TRAVELLING EXHIBITIONS

Shanghai	4-5 September
Beijing	7-8 September
Jakarta	6-8 September
Bangkok	12 September
Singapore	14-15 September
Tokyo	17 September
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