

STORIED PROVENANCE & ICONIC DESIGNS DRIVE SOTHEBY'S \$46.4 MILLION SALE OF MAGNIFICENT JEWELS IN NEW YORK

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Auction Led By
An Extraordinary Harry Winston 51.52-Carat Diamond Ring
Sold for \$4 Million

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Barbara Sinatra's Jewelry Collection Goes 100% Sold,
Totaling \$4.7 Million
Led by her 20.60-Carat Diamond Engagement Ring
Achieving \$1.7 Million

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SOTHEBY'S 2018 SALES OF JEWELRY CROSS \$403.4 MILLION WITH MORE SALES TO COME



NEW YORK, 4 December 2018 – A combination of important diamonds, exceptional colored gemstones and iconic designs emerging from private collections, including those of Barbara Sinatra and Happy Rockefeller drove Sotheby's New York sale of Magnificent Jewels to achieve \$46.4 million. Our worldwide Jewelry auctions in 2018 have now crossed \$403.4 million in sales, with our [Fine Jewels](#) auction in London remaining this month and online-only sales of [Fine Jewels](#) and a [Diamond Capsule Collection](#).

Below is a look at the remarkable pieces that led today's results.

MAGNIFICENT DIAMONDS

Gary Schuler, Chairman of Sotheby's Jewelry Division, Americas commented: "Today's sale caps off what has been yet another great year for Jewelry at Sotheby's New York. Our results demonstrate the timeless appeal of diamonds and continued appetite for exceptional colored gemstones and signed jewels from jewelry lovers and connoisseurs all over the world. We are particularly delighted by the results achieved for the two white diamonds over 20 carats in the sale, whose color, cut, and clarity were remarkable by every measure."



An Impressive Diamond Ring, Harry Winston

Weighing 51.52 carats, F color, Internally Flawless

Sold for \$ 3,975,000 (\$77,154 per carat) (estimate \$3.5/4.5 million)

An Important Diamond Ring

Weighing 25.03 carats, D Color, Flawless

Sold for \$3,495,000 (\$139,632 per carat) (estimate \$2.9/3.5 million)



Fancy Orangy Pink Diamond and Diamond Ring

Weighing 6.46 carats, Natural Color, VVS2

Sold for \$1,335,000 (\$206,656 per carat) (estimate \$600/800,000)

JEWELS FROM THE COLLECTION OF BARBARA SINATRA

Today's auction was highlighted by the much-anticipated sale of Barbara Sinatra's personal jewelry collection, which realized an outstanding \$4.7 million, with 100% of lots sold. Barbara's emerald-cut 20.60-carat **Diamond Engagement Ring**, which was presented to her by Frank in a glass of champagne, led the collection, selling for \$1,695,000 after an intense competition between two bidders on the telephone (estimate \$1/1.5 million). Mrs. Sinatra's signed jewels were highlighted by a sophisticated **Mystery-Set Ruby and Diamond Butterfly Brooch** by Van Cleef & Arpels, which realized \$567,000 – well above its high estimate of \$175,000. Additional jewels from Mrs. Sinatra's collection will be offered across two dedicated auctions later this week: [Lady Blue Eyes: Property of Barbara and Frank Sinatra](#) on Thursday, 6 December in New York and an [online-only](#) sale, which is now open for bidding through 7 December.



**Pair of Mystery-Set Ruby and Diamond
Pendant-Earclips, Van Cleef & Arpels**
Estimate \$100/150,000
Sold for \$362,500



Diamond Ring
Weighing 20.60 carats, D Color,
VVS1 clarity
Estimate \$1/1.5 million
Sold for \$1.7 million



**Mystery-Set Ruby and Diamond
Brooch, Van Cleef & Arpels**
Estimate \$125/175,000
Sold for \$567,000

EXCEPTIONAL GEMSTONES



A Superb No-Heat Burmese Ruby and Colored Diamond Ring

Weighing 8.11 carats

Sold for \$2,775,000 (\$342,170 price per carat) (Estimate \$2.5/3.5 million)

A Rare No-Heat Burmese Sapphire and Diamond Ring

Weighing 19.55 carats

Sold for \$1,095,000 (\$56,010 price per carat) (estimate \$600/800,000)



An Exceptional No Oil Colombian Emerald and Diamond Ring, Tiffany & Co.

Weighing 12.03 carats

Sold for \$1,455,000 (\$120,948 price per carat) (estimate \$1/1.5 million)



ICONS: THE WORLD'S MOST COVETED JEWELS

Catharine Becket, Head of Magnificent Jewels, New York commented: "We are absolutely thrilled with the results of our second annual "impossible collection" of iconic jewels, with all seven pieces selling for a total of \$3.2 million – well exceeding its \$2.5 million estimate. Each piece demonstrated the characteristics that define their iconic status: rarity, authorship, provenance, artistry, and of course, significant gemstones. The top lot of the collection, an exceptional Kashmir sapphire ring, embodies all of these sought-after attributes. Precious at any size, the 16.46-carat sapphire displays a spectacular royal blue color that places it in truly rarefied company."

An Exceptional No-Heat Kashmir Sapphire and Diamond Ring

Weighing 16.46 carats

Sold for \$1,815,000 (\$110,267 price per carat) (estimate \$1.3/1.8 million)



Star Sapphire, Sapphire, Emerald, and Diamond

'Panthère' Clip-Brooch, Cartier, France

Sold for \$387,000 (estimate \$125/175,000)



Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond 'Plumes' Necklace,

Schlumberger for Tiffany & Co.

Sold for \$262,500 (estimate \$80/120,000)



ICONIC JEWELS FROM THE COLLECTION OF HAPPY ROCKEFELLER

Jewels from the collection of Happy Rockefeller began today's afternoon session, totaling \$901,250, with 100% of lots sold and an impressive 77% of lots selling above their high estimate. Like the artworks she acquired with her husband, Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Happy's jewelry collection reflected her appreciation for sculptural forms, as seen with her tumbled **Sapphire and Emerald Bracelet**, which sold for \$262,500 (estimate \$150/250,000). Sotheby's sales of Property from the Collection of Nelson and Happy Rockefeller continue with a dedicated sale of the couple's furniture and decorative arts, to be offered as part of our Americana Week sales series in January 2019.



Diamond Bracelet, Van Cleef & Arpels
Estimate \$125/175,000
Sold for \$200,000



Sapphire and Emerald Bracelet
Estimate \$150/250,000
Sold for \$262,500



Pink Tourmaline, Sapphire, Emerald and Diamond Pendant-Necklace and Pair of Earclips, Van Cleef & Arpels
Estimate \$60/80,000
Sold for \$150,000

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