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ART DECO & BELLE ÉPOQUE GLAMOUR DAZZLES CROWDS AT FINAL SMITH & SINGER JEWELS AUCTION OF 2020

*Auction Realises \$1,106,312 – With 33% of Lots Sold Exceeding their
Estimates*

*99% Sold-by-Value & 76% Sold-by-Volume Reflects Demand in the Market for
Signed Jewels and Timepieces from Esteemed Collections*

*Concludes a Year of Leading Clearance Rates for Jewels at Smith & Singer in
Carefully Curated Sales “Tailored for the Times”*



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Important Jewels, Watches & Objects of Virtu

Sydney, 7 December 2020

MELBOURNE, 9 December 2020 – On Monday evening’s *Important Jewels, Watches & Objects of Virtu* auction at Smith & Singer, robust bidding in the room, on the telephones and online, resulted in a total of \$1,106,312 for the sale. This was accompanied by a sold rate by value of 99% and by volume of 76%.

Items of rarity and quality drew particular competition, with bidders vying for significant jewels of all variety – in particular those from private collections – from necklaces and brooches to rings, bracelets and watches. Leading results were achieved for gems designed by Boucheron, Bulgari, Cartier, and Paspaley, and for classic watches by Breguet, Cartier, Tag Heuer, Patek Philippe, and Rolex along with fine objects of virtu.

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Among the notable results were an art-deco platinum and diamond bracelet from Cartier, circa 1925 (lot 37, estimate \$95,000–125,000, pictured above) which sold for \$125,000; François-Raoul Larche's *La Tempête et les Nuées* (1896) *The Storm and the Clouds* (lot 126, estimate \$100,000–150,000), which sold for \$125,000; an 18ct white gold and diamond eternity ring (lot 26, estimate \$50,000–70,000) which realised \$81,250; an 18ct white gold, emerald and diamond ring, circa 1960 (lot 53, estimate \$45,000–50,000) that sold for \$75,000 after a prolonged battle in the sale-room; a dazzling 18ct gold and diamond 'La Torsade' collar necklace (lot 51, estimate \$20,000–30,000) which sold for \$42,500; an 18ct white gold and diamond ring (lot 36, estimate \$30,000–50,000) that sold for \$37,500 to a bidder on the telephone; and a Rolex Zenith Daytona Ref 16518 wristwatch, circa 1991, from a Private French Collection (lot 104, estimate \$24,000–34,000) which realised \$30,000.

Geoffrey Smith, Chairman of Smith & Singer, commented: 'This year – amid challenging and unprecedented market circumstances – Smith & Singer presented three highly-curated collections of jewels that we believed would appeal to our clients. Our efforts were rewarded with auctions that realised some of the highest sold rates and performances against pre-sale estimates in our company's history, ensuring that both our sellers and buyers left our auctions satisfied. To achieve such outstanding results in a highly sensitive market reflects our success in adapting to changing conditions and tailoring our sales to reflect the times. We thank our colleagues for their dedication and all our valued clients for their ongoing trust. We look forward to presenting another captivating collection of jewels, watches and objects of virtu in our next sale in May 2021.'

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Platinum and diamond bracelet,
Cartier, circa 1925
Estimate \$95,000–125,000
Sold for \$125,000 December 2020



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FRANÇOIS-RAOUL LARCHE 1860-1912
**La Tempête et les Nuées (1896) The Storm and the
Clouds**

bronze, 87.5 cm high
Estimate \$100,000–150,000
Sold for \$125,000 December 2020

18ct white gold and diamond eternity ring
Estimate \$50,000–70,000
Sold for \$81,250 December 2020



18ct white gold, emerald and diamond ring,
circa 1960
Estimate \$45,000–50,000
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18ct gold and diamond 'La Torsade'
collar necklace

Estimate \$20,000–30,000

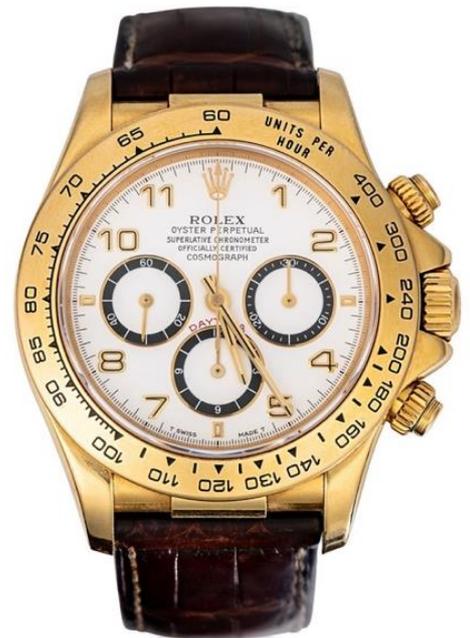
Sold for \$42,500 December 2020



Rolex Zenith Daytona Ref 16518, an 18ct gold
automatic chronograph wristwatch with
inverted 6 dial, circa 1991

Estimate \$24,000–34,000

Sold for \$30,000 December 2020



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AT A GLANCE

Important Jewels, Watches & Objects of Virtu
Sydney, 6.30 pm on 7 December 2020

Lots on offer: 127

Total sold: \$1,106,312 including buyer's premium

Sold by value: 99%

Sold by volume: 76%

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