

# international previews



## HAMBURG...

**Left:** auctioneers **Hauswedell & Nolte** are offering this 20 x 16in (52 x 40cm) pencil drawing, *Femme assise au fauteuil*, in their sale of selected works on December 11.

In 1943 Matisse had vacated his studio in the hills above Nice, fleeing from the aerial bombardments of the city. He found refuge in Vence, some 15 miles away, where he devoted much of his time to the decoration of the Chapelle du Rosaire de Vence. He also completed several versions of a seated woman sitting in an armchair, a motif to which he returned throughout his long career.

This drawing, which has been in a collection in Stockholm since 1950, is dated 1947 and is the preparatory study for the painting *Jeune Fille en vert dans l'Intérieur rouge*, which now belongs to the Hiroshima Museum of Art. It has price guide of €130,000.

The December sale in Hamburg is the last that will be held by Hauswedell & Nolte, which was founded in 1927. The lease of their premises is expiring and it was not possible for the proprietors to find suitable successors.

■ hauswedell-nolte.de



## PARIS....

**Above:** this monumental granodiorite New Kingdom torso of a standard bearer from the reign of Ramses II, c.1279-1213BC, will be a highlight of **Pierre Bergé & Associés'** sale of Antiquities at Drouot in Paris on December 16.

The 2ft 2in high x 3ft 3in wide (66 x 99cm) statue section features hieroglyphs translating as *...Ptah-Tatenen, O my son born from my side who I love, the king of Upper and Lower Egypt User-Maat-Re...*

This inscription identifies it as a royal piece. Christophe Kunicki, the specialist for this sale, says it probably comes from the temple of Memphis.

Such statues, which represent a king or another individual holding divine emblems against their body, seldom surface on the market.

This piece was acquired from the collection of Sheikh Saoud Al-Thani in 2014. Before that it was in the collection of Ali Abboutaam in Switzerland and prior to 1978 was in a German collection. The estimate is €600,000-800,000.

■ pba-auctions.com

## NEW ORLEANS...

**Right:** this pair of French gilt-bronze and violette marble urns, with patinated bronze rams' head handles supporting five-light foliate candelabra, stand 2ft 5in (74cm) high and date from the late 19th century.

They feature in **Crescent City Auction Gallery's** next sale on December 12-13 in New Orleans. The estimate is \$4000-6000.

■ crescentcityauctiongallery.com



## NEW YORK...

**Left:** this 8 x 7in (20 x 19cm) charcoal-and-wash drawing, *Interior Study*, is by David Bomberg and will feature in the 150 Years of Jewish Art auction to be held by **Kestenbaum** in New York on December 16.

The drawing dates from 1912, the period when the influence of Cubism and Futurism prompted Bomberg to become part of the short-lived Vorticist movement, which was preoccupied with the similar forms of angular abstraction. It is estimated at \$3000-5000.

The highlight of the sale is a rare grisaille painting by Moritz Daniel Oppenheim, *Friday Night Blessings*, detailing a scene of Jewish family life, from 1867, which is estimated at \$300,000-500,000.

■ kestenbaum.net



## PARIS...

**Above:** among the antique pieces to feature in **Tajan's** sale of fine jewellery and watches on December 15-16 will be this dog collar-style necklace. It is formed as a garland of leaves set with brilliant-cut diamonds and an undulating row of pearls ranging in diameter from 3.9 to 5.3mm.

The necklace, which can be converted to wear as two bracelets, was made c.1890 by the jeweller Felix Despres. It carries an estimate of €30,000-40,000.

■ tajan.com

## PENNSYLVANIA...

**Left:** this 1920s clockwork powered Märklin Torpedo car is thought to be the only completely original example in existence. Rare for being hand painted, it has a high degree of detailing that includes the original windscreen, three opening doors and a licence plate numbered IA 5208.

Up for sale as part of **Morphy's** three-day auction of toys and advertising memorabilia and collectibles in Denver, Pennsylvania, on December 18-20, it has an estimate of \$12,000-16,000.

■ morphyauctions.com

