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TIMEPIECES TO BE OFFERED AT AUCTION BY SOTHEBY'S IN GENEVA ON NOVEMBER 13, 2007



Minute Repeating Wristwatch Patek Philippe, ref.5013P
Estimate: CHF 470,000-600,000 / \$400,000-500,000*

GENEVA, OCTOBER 2007 – Around 160 timepieces are offered at auction by Sotheby's in Geneva at the traditional autumn watch sale taking place on Tuesday November 13, 2007 at 10.30am. Among the lots going under the hammer are a wonderful selection of vintage and modern watches by famous makers such as Patek Philippe and Rolex, together with a private collection of fine and rare pocket watches from an estate, including signed pieces by Ilbery and Piguet & Meylan. All the lots will be shown at a pre-sale exhibition to be held in the reception rooms of the Beau-Rivage Hotel in Geneva from Saturday 10 to Monday 12 November 2007.

PATEK PHILIPPE

The top lot of the sale is a fine and rare platinum automatic perpetual calendar minute repeating wristwatch Patek Philippe, ref.5013P estimated at CHF 470,000-600,000 (\$400,000-500,000 / illustration on first page).

Among the others timepieces signed by Patek Philippe, we have two superb gold perpetual calendar chronograph wristwatches with moon-phases, one created circa 1945 (Ref. 1518) and the other circa 1965 (Ref. 2499). Both carry estimates of CHF 300,000-400,000 (\$250,000-350,000).



Yet another highlight is a Patek Philippe automatic wristwatch in white gold with perpetual calendar and moon-phases, dated circa 1970, Ref. 3448G (estimate: CHF 250,000-350,000 / \$200,000-300,000 / illustration on left).

ROLEX

Among the Rolex watches for sale in the auction, we have a stainless steel triple calendar chronograph wristwatch with registers, Ref. 6236. This dates from circa 1958 and is estimated at CHF 150,000-250,000 (\$125,000-215,000). We also have an exceptional

gold Rolex "Paul Newman" Daytona wristwatch in excellent condition which will be offered at CHF 65,000-85,000 (\$45,000-60,000).

A PRIVATE COLLECTION OF POCKET WATCHES

This private collection consists of 15 fine and rare pieces, including two pocket watches specially made for the Chinese market.

The first (illustration on right) is a beautiful mid 19th century centre seconds duplex watch in gold and enamel by the exceptional English watchmaker **William Ilbery** (1780-1851). Its case back is decorated with an enamel scene by V. Dupont, one of the period's most notable enamellers (estimate: CHF 120,000-180,000 / \$100,000-150,000).

The second is a magnificent gold quarter repeating cylinder



pocket watch set with enamel and pearls, made by the Geneva watchmakers **Isaac Daniel Piguet** (1775-1841) and **Philippe-Samuel Meylan** (1772-1845), circa 1820 (estimate: CHF 160,000-250,000 / \$135,000-210,000). Both originally from Le Chenit, a small village in the Vallée de Joux, the two future master watchmakers moved to Geneva when they were still young men and formed a partnership that lasted from 1811 to 1828. Working together in their workshops at 45 rue Jean Jacques Rousseau, they soon came to specialise in beautifully decorated musical watches, including skeleton and automaton watches.

IMPORTANT WATCHES

Sale in Geneva

Tuesday November 13, 2007 at 10.30am

Pre-sale exhibition in Geneva

Saturday November 10, 2007 from 10.00am to 6.00pm

Sunday November 11, 2007 from 10.00am to 6.00pm

Monday November 12, 2007 from 10.00am to 6.00pm

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