



CHRISTIE'S FIVE-DAY AUCTION SERIES
DEVOTED TO ROBERT H. ELLSWORTH COLLECTION



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NEW YORK CITY — Christie's will present a five-day auction series devoted to the collection of the celebrated American scholar, dealer and collector Robert Hatfield Ellsworth, running March 17 to 21. After successful tours to Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Tokyo and London last autumn, Christie's is unveiling Ellsworth's collection of more than 1,400 lots that will be sold without reserve via an extended,

eight-day public exhibition leading up to the start of the auction series. To honor the collecting legacy of the late Ellsworth — fondly nicknamed “The King of Ming” — Christie’s will recreate the sumptuous interior of the celebrated 22-room Manhattan residence, where he lived among superb examples of Asian art, blended effortlessly with English silver and antiques in his signature style. This collection, widely considered to be one of the most important private collections of Asian art ever to come to market, is expected to realize in excess of \$35 million.

Lot #22 A large bronze figure of Shiva, South India, Tamil Nadu, Chola Period, Twelfth Century, 24 inches high





Pan Tianshou (1897-1971), "Lilies" (\$700/900,000).

Robert Hatfield Ellsworth (1929–2014), was a distinguished American scholar, dealer and collector of Asian art who was widely recognized throughout Asia and the Americas for his ground-breaking role in the study and appreciation of Asian art. He was a passionate connoisseur who opened new arenas of collecting to Western audiences and built a successful business purveying the works of art to his generation's foremost

collectors. During his long career, he counted John D. Rockefeller, Brooke Astor and the actress Claudette Colbert among his clients and dear friends. His home became an epicenter of New York art society,

where he greeted both friends and fellow scholars, and perfected the harmonious East-meets-West design aesthetic that has influenced so many decorators since.

*Rare set of four
huanghuali
horseshoe-back
armchairs (two
shown), Quanyi China,
Ming dynasty,
Seventeenth Century
(\$800,000–\$1.2
million).*





Previous Page; Living room.

Right; A yellow-glazed ovoid jar, China, Qing dynasty, Kangxi six-character mark in underglaze blue and of the period (1662-1722) (\$5/7,000).

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