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Speakers: Victoria Gray

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The Lifecycle of an Art Collection - From Acquisition to Auction

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Best practices when dealing with your client's tangible wealth and how to avoid common pitfalls when dealing with art & collectables. We will track the lifecycle of an art collection from acquisition to auction, with a deep dive into appraisal methodology, authentications, and current regulations for qualified appraisals.









Tangible Personal Property

Includes: Fine Art (Prints, Sculpture, Works on Paper, Paintings; Contemporary to Old Masters), Jewelry, Watches, Luxury Goods (e.g., Handbags), Asian Art (by Source Country), Motor Cars, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Wine and Whisky, Collectibles, 20th Century Decorative Arts, and much more























Primary Market



Secondary Market





Appraisals

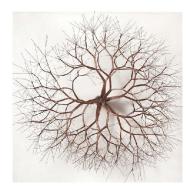












































Types of Appraisals

- Insurance
- Fair Market Value for Estate Tax (706 filing)
- •Gift Tax / Charitable Donation
- Financial Planning
- Loan Collateral
- •To Establish Cost Basis
- Divorce





Appraisal Reminders

- Appraisals are not inventories
- Appraisals are not authentications
- Attributions can change
- Appraisals do not confirm title
- Schedule updates
- •Examine in person
- Appraisals are not Auction Estimates





Auction Estimates vs. Appraisals

Auction Estimates

- Range of values assigned to an object or group of objects
- Do not require a signed appraisal agreement
- Provided gratis



Appraisal

- Single values assigned to an object or group of objects
- Formal document signed appraisal agreement tailored to the type of appraisal
- Signed affidavit



Fair Market Valuation

Vallejo Street, San Francisco, CA 94123

Fine Art

Main Room

Reference: 30

Vasudeo S. Gaitonde (1924-2001)

Bombay, India, 1963

oil on canvas

signed, titled and dated (on the canvas verso)

40 x 50in

framed

\$900,000



Gallery label on the verso: Humbolt Galleries, SF, 1968



Vasudeo S. Gaitonde (1924-2001)

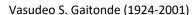
Painting No. 1

signed, dated and inscribed 'Painting No. 1/ GAITONDE.

62'

Sold, London, June 11, 2013, Lot #34 for

\$961,764 (including buyer's premium)



signed and dated 'V. S. GAITONDE, 1980'

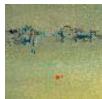
further signed in Hindi and dated '80' (on the reverse)

Sold, London, June 10, 2010, Lot #237 for

\$935,775 (including buyer's premium)









Untitled

oil on canvas 53 7/8 x 34 7/8 in

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Qualified Appraisals

Elements of a Correctly Prepared Appraisal

- Independent and Impartial
- **Qualified Appraisers**
- Adheres to IRS & USPAP standards
- Photographic record incorporated
- Dimensions
- Medium
- Country of origin
- Comparable market data approach
- Condition, Provenance, Exhibitions, Literature citations



JEWELRY



A pear-shape natural fancy light pink diamond, weighing 8.06 carats

SOLD: \$320,000



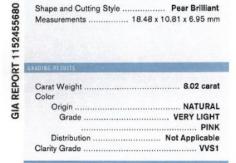
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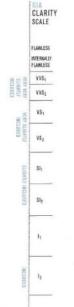
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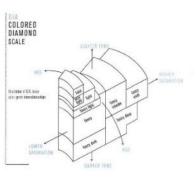
COLORED DIAMOND GRADING REPORT

May 22, 2013



Finish		
Polish	Ex	cellent
Symmetry		Good
Fluorescence		. Fain
Comments: Internal graining is not shown.		





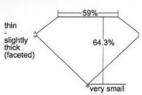
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KEY TO SYMBOLS

Chip

Indented Natural

Red symbols denote internel characteristics (inclusions). Green or Mack symbols denote external characteristics (dicrimitate), Diagram is an approximate representation of the diamond, and symbols shown indicate type, position, and approximate size of claimly characteristics. All claimly characteristics may not be shown. Details of finish are not shown.



Profile not to actual proportions

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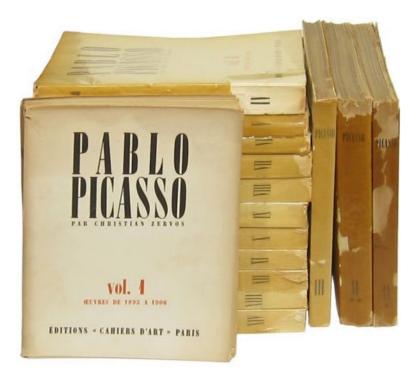




IMPORTANT LIMITATIONS ON BACK



Authentication



Volumes of the Zervos literature to be referenced for works by Picasso

- Importance of a catalogue raisonné
 - What if one does not exist or is incomplete?
 - What if there are multiple conflicting sources?



Foundations disbanding / declining to provide opinions









AUCTION HOUSES AND AUTHENTICATION

- Appraisals use the 'assumes language'
- Auction House Specialists are **not** the authority –they facilitate the authentication process with the recognized authority, foundation, board or outside expertise
- Auction houses add value to the process as the specialists have relationships with the experts and work with them routinely, know the process and can arrange for shipping (including complicated carnets, consolidated shipments)





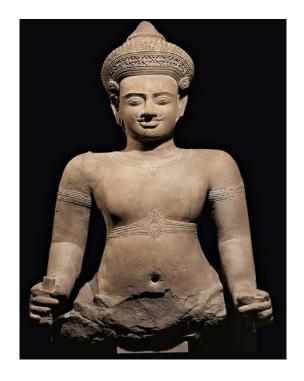
RESTRICTED MATERIALS & COLLECTING AREAS OF CAUTION

- Ivory
- Tortoiseshell
- Some Endangered Woods: Rosewood
- North American Migratory Bird Feathers
- Other Endangered Species: Marine Mammals





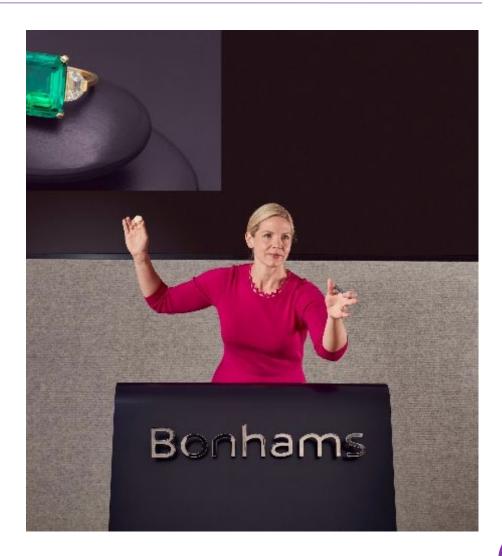
- Classical Antiquities
- Southeast Asian Art
- Native American Art
- Asian Works of Art
- Egyptian Art & Antiquities
- Pre-Columbian & Tribal Art
- National Treasures: Restrictions on Exports





Consignment Chronology

- Review property
- Provide estimates, marketing proposal
- Negotiate and sign consignment contract
- Tag, pack, ship property to saleroom
- Research, photograph, due diligence, catalog
- Marketing, press begins
- Publish catalog
- Preview exhibitions
- Auction sale
- Settlement paid to consignor



Financial Terms

Standard Seller Fees:

- 1. Seller's Commission
- 2. Minimum Lot Fee
- 3. Unsold Fee
- 4. Loss and Damage Warranty
- 5. Catalog Photo Fee
- 6. Reproduction Rights
- 7. Restore, Clean, Reframe
- 8. Testing, including GIA, AGL
- 9. Authentication Fee
- 10. Storage Fee
- 11. Packing and transport costs





Estimates & Reserves

Estimate: Low and high range; represents opinion; based on examination and recent auction records of comparable pieces; published in catalogues; provides buyers with a preliminary guide to value.

Reserves: All lots are subject to a reserve unless otherwise indicated. Minimum price seller willing to accept; confidential; cannot exceed low estimate.

MEL RAMOS

Chiquita (1965)

INS: \$700,000

FMV: \$520,000

AE: \$400,000-\$600,000



Global Marketplace

Global Selling Venues (New York, London, Hong Kong, Paris, Los Angeles) means:

- 1. Best global market
- 2. At right moment in calendar
- 3. With network of global specialists
- 4. With network of global collectors

SAPPHIRES

Price: \$1,600,000

Sold: New York

Sourced: Australia



EDWIN LORD WEEKS

Price: £500,000
Sold: London

Sourced: New York



MAGRITTE

Price: \$9,978,312 Sold: New York Sourced: Los Angeles



NEIL PEART DRUM KIT

Price: \$500,000

Sold: Los Angeles

Sourced: Chicago



RICHARD LIN

Price: HK\$6,175,000 Sold: Hong Kong Sourced: New York





PROVENANCE



A PAIR OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG CERAMIC SALT AND PEPPER SHAKERS.

COLLECTION OF RBG

Sold for \$4,845 inc. premium







US \$217.50 Or Best Offer Was \$250 Save \$32.50!



Art & Collectible Auction Market Trends

- Year-long sales calendar
- Increase in online sales
- Digital innovations
- Mash-up of categories
- Fewer paper catalogs
- More photography

- Virtual viewings
- Focus on female artists
- Focus on minority artists
- Slower bidding times
- Strong collector demand
- Buying lots sight-unseen











Over the Years: Motorcars

2019

1955 MERCEDES-BENZ 300SL GULLWING COUPE

Price: \$1,352,500

Sold: Carmel, Quail Lodge & Golf Club



2022

1956 MERCEDES-BENZ 300 SL GULLWING COUPE

Price: \$1,737,500

Sold: Carmel, Quail Lodge & Golf Club





Over the Years: Signed Gold Bangles

2015

AN 18K GOLD AND EMERALD CUFF, DAVID WEBB

Price: \$13,000.00 Sold: New York

2018

AN 18K GOLD AND EMERALD CUFF, DAVID WEBB

Price: \$15,000 Sold: New York



2020

A GOLD AND EMERALD CUFF, DAVID WEBB

Price: \$32,812 Sold: New York





Over the Years: Andy Warhol Prints

2010

JOHN WAYNE

Price: \$35,380

Sold: San Francisco



2021

JOHN WAYNE

Price: \$137,812 Sold: Los Angeles





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Thank You

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