

**THE MOST CAPTIVATING LOTS OF THE SUMMER  
AUCTION 29 and 30 JUNE 2018**

**Hotel Metropole Monte-Carlo.**

On the summer weekend, June 29 and 30, at the stunning Hotel Metropole in Monte-Carlo Hermitage Fine Art auctioned rare manuscripts and autographs of famous people, works of Russian art of the 19th and 20th centuries, vintage jewellery and luxury items from leading international brands.

We are delighted to introduce you our auction results and to highlight the most captivating lots.

**On 29 June, the auction of Russian art included paintings and graphics of the XIX-XX centuries, a collection of contemporary artists, engravings and posters, old books, arts and crafts, silver, porcelain and numismatics.**

Amongst the highlights:



*1. Lot 108: Portrait of the Orloff Family, Dusi Cosroe, 1804. Sold for 105.920 €.*

This artwork representing the Orloff family was painted by the Venetian artist Dusi Cosroe. He worked for the imperial court of Russia, representing in his paintings members of the Russian imperial family as well as courtiers and grand dukes. This painting depicts Alexey Feodorovich Orlov dressed in a general's uniform; he wears the medal of the Order of St. George fourth class. On the left is his wife Olga, she wears a scarf of the Bavarian Order of St Theresa over her traditional Russian dress. Then their son Nikolay Alexeyevich Orlov stands up in white cavalry officer's uniform. The work is signed and dated by Dusi Cosroe, with an Orlov family stamp and the inscription "Wiesbadener Mebelheim Rettenmayer" on the back.



*2. Lot 287 - 288 Numismatics: Paul I Petrovich sold for 23.832 € and Elisabeth Petrovna sold for 22.508 €.*

These are two coins from the 18th century. The first coin of Paul I Petrovich made of silver and worth 1 rouble. The second coin is 96 kopecks silver and represents on its face the Empress Elizabeth of Russia and on the back the Russian double-headed eagle.



*3. Lot 191: Before the new year, Tatyana Nazarenko. Sold for 3.177 €.*

This contemporary painting is oil on canvas dating from 2014. It is painted by a renowned member of the Russian Academy of Fine Arts Tatiana Nazarenko.

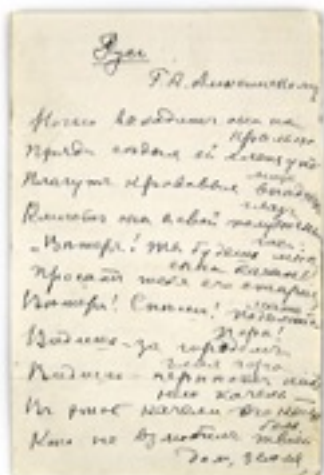


4. Lot 298: *Book of Mars*. Sold 34.424 €.

It is an exceptional work from the middle of the 18th century that tells stories of war between the Russians and the Swedes. The book contains 23 engravings. It is called the Book of Mars but it is also known as the War Affairs of His Majesty's Army of the Tsar taking very famous fortifications and in battles against His Majesty's Army the King of Sweden.

**On Saturday, June 30 ,we auctioned unique historical materials from around the world, from the XVIII century to the present day. The auction catalogue of Manuscripts, autographs, rare books and photographs included more that 300 lots.**

We suggest you to review the most attractive items:



5. Lot 733: *Manuscript of the poem "Rus", Teffi*. Sold for 16,550 €.

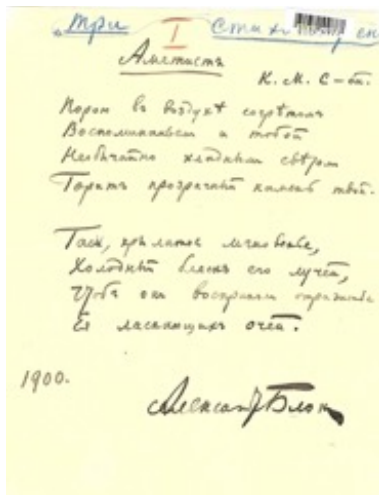
This manuscript poem by Teffi came from Gregory Alexinsky's archives.





6. Lot 713: Appointment by Hitler as Reich Chancellor (Reichskanzler), Hermann Göring as Minister of the Prussian State Council and Minister of the Interior for Prussia, Adolf Hitler. Sold for 19.860 €.

The Nazi party having won the November 1932 elections, Hitler was appointed Chancellor of the Weimar Republic in January 1933, after several weeks of negotiations with Marshal President Hindenburg and thanks to the support of Franz von Papen. After the fire of the Reichstag in February, Hitler made the full power vote and prepared the advent of the 3rd German Reich. Göring was President of the Reichstag when Hitler gave him the portfolio of Minister of the Interior for Prussia; barely appointed, he allowed the opening of the first political concentration camps and created the secret state police, the "Gestapo" (26 April 1933), for which he gradually ceded responsibility to Himmler.



7. Lot 737: An autographed manuscript poem, Alexander Blok. Sold for 22. 508 €.

Manuscript poem by Alexander Blok “Amethyst”, dedicated to the poet’s first love, actress Ksenia Sadovskaya.



*8. Lot 767: Jump into the water, Alexander Rodchenko. Sold for 2.118 €.*

Alexander Mikhailovich Rodchenko (in Russian: Александр Михайлович Родченко), was born in 1891 in St. Petersburg and died on December 3, 1956, in Moscow. He is a Russian artist, painter, sculptor, photographer and designer. He is one of the founders of Russian constructivism and has greatly influenced Russian design and photography through his work.

**Final chord of the summer auction of Hermitage Fine Art was the sale of magnificent jewellery and watches on June 30. We dedicated it to the great master, watchmaker and jeweller, Louis Cartier (1875-1942) and the centenary of his legendary model of the Tank watch, which eventually became one of the most desirable lot of this sale.**



*9. Lot 866 : Watch model Tank, Cartier, 1925. Sold for 31.776 €.*

The first Tank wristwatch model left the drawing board of Louis-Joseph Cartier (1875-1942) in 1917. His inspiration for the Tank was a new French armoured tank Renault, with these two tracks longer than the machine. The first six production models were put on sale in 1919, and the manufacture of each subsequent Tank model (over 30) followed Louis Cartier's early sketches.

Here is a selection of other lots that particularly attracted an attention of buyers and media:

*10. Lot 867: DB25 Quetzalcoatl, DE BETHUNE.  
Sold for 52.920 €.*



Model DB25 Quetzalcoatl, with a body of white gold. The sculptured golden snake serves not only as an ornament of the dial, its head and tail rotate, showing hours and minutes.

Quetzalcoatl means snake in Nahuatl language. It is one of the principal divinities of Mesoamerican civilizations and the feathered serpent, its most emblematic incarnation, ruled pre-Columbian America for long centuries. This powerful symbol of Mesoamerican culture was at the heart of worship and sacred rituals. The myths and legends relating to it appear in the writings of the colonial era. In conjunction with the evening star, it was considered to govern the time cycle from dawn to dusk. This deity of the summer winds was naturally closely associated with agriculture and in particular with the cultivation of corn, in addition to being the sovereign protector of goldsmiths and craftsmen, and the inventor of the calendar.



*11. Lot 891 : Table Clock, Mappin & Webb Monte Carlo. Sold for 11916 €.The Mappin & Webb table clock is made of gold, silver, white enamel, diamonds and platinum. It is accompanied by its original box and two keys.*