

## PRE-SALE PRESS RELEASE Asian Art Auctions at Koller Zurich 6 - 7 June



A GILT COPPER INLAID FIGURE OF VAJRADHARA.  
Tibet, 15th C. Est. CHF 150 000 – 250 000

The two-day series of Asian Art auctions at Koller Zurich begins with a focus on Himalayan and Chinese art, featuring an important group of figures from the pantheon of Tibetan Buddhism, a large collection of carved jade and other hardstones, as well as a fine selection of ceramics and paintings. The second day spotlights Southeast Asian, Indian, Japanese and Islamic Art, with highly interesting Indian sculpture and a collection of Persian painted pen boxes and portraits.



A LARGE GILT COPPER FIGURE  
OF THE WHITE TARA  
Est. CHF 250 000 – 350 000

### Himalayan treasures

Two wonderful gilt copper figures lead the auction of Himalayan art on 6 June: a large and important 18<sup>th</sup>-century Sino-tibetan figure of the White Tara (lot 126), estimated at CHF 250 000 – 350 000, and a beautiful turquoise-inlaid figure of Vajradhara from the 15<sup>th</sup> century (lot 111), with an estimate of CHF 150 000 – 250 000. These two figures represent different aspects of the Buddhist tradition. The White Tara is a female Bodhisattva, or one who helps others to reach enlightenment. She represents compassion and well-being. Vajradhara represents the quintessence of Buddhahood, and is adorned with the five primordial Buddhas.



A RARE BLUE AND WHITE LOBED DISH  
Longqing mark and period. Est. CHF 30 000 – 50 000

## Hidden treasure

Discovered amongst a large group of purely decorative ceramics, a Ming period blue and white porcelain dish bears the rare mark of Emperor Longqing, who reigned for only five years (1567-72). The dish, painted with the imperial dragon and Daoist symbols, is estimated to bring between CHF 30 000 and 50 000 (lot 376). A large group of jade carvings demonstrates the virtuosity of the artisans who created these pieces. The contrast of spinach jade and red coral is particularly attractive in a group of two carved vases (lot 237, estimate CHF 20 000 – 30 000). Among the paintings, a pair of beautifully executed portraits of the young Yongzheng Emperor date from the 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> century, and are estimated at CHF CHF 10 000 – 15 000 (lot 353).

## Winged vehicle

Among the Indian sculpture in the 7 June auction is an impressive 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> century painted wood procession figure of Garuda (lot 503). This was likely used during special festivals like that of Brahmotsavam, as a vehicle for the figure of a god (probably Vishnu) to be paraded through the streets. The platform for the god figure is still intact (est. CHF 5 000 – 8 000). A 16<sup>th</sup> century patinated bronze figure of Shiva, also from South India, depicts the god as Chandrashekara (lot 496, CHF 20 000 – 30 000). The sale also includes a collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century painted papier-mâché boxes and other miniatures from Persia (lots 522 – 536).



A POLYCHROME PAINTED WOOD  
PROCESSION FIGURE OF GARUDA  
Est. CHF 5 000 – 8 000

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