

LOT 873 — **CALLISTO** — The Triceratops
65 million years
ESTIMATE: CHF 300 000 / 500 000



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OUT OF THIS WORLD III

AUCTION — 4 DECEMBER 2023



LOT 831 — **PORSCHE 356SC**
PAINTED BY ALFREDO HÄBERLI
Project 'Weight of Lightness'
356 SC 1600 Karmann Coupé, 1964
ESTIMATE: CHF 95 000 / 180 000



LOT 894 — **'PROMETHEUS' GOGOTTE**
Fontainebleau, France
61 × 49 × 19 cm (not including stand)
ESTIMATE: CHF 8 000 / 12 000



LOT 837 — **ANTIQUE DIVING MASK**
USA, 1940
22 × 14 × 15 cm (not including stand)
ESTIMATE: CHF 3 500 / 5 000



OUT OF THIS WORLD III AUCTION IN ZURICH 4 DECEMBER

TRICERATOPS SKULL TO BE OFFERED IN 'OUT OF THIS WORLD III' AUCTION AT KOLLER

After the remarkably successful auction in April 2023 of the first complete T. rex skeleton in Europe, and only the third one globally, Koller Auctions and Wunderkammer are pleased to present the third edition of 'Out of This World', with a new and meticulously curated selection of natural wonders and human achievements.

No 'Out of This World' auction is complete without a **dinosaur fossil**, and the 4 December sale is no exception. This time it is the **skull of 'Callisto', a juvenile Triceratops**, that will be offered (lot 873, **CHF 300 000 / 500 000**). Discovered in the Lance Creek Formation in Wyoming, where several examples of his nemesis, T. rex, were also discovered, this is an **astonishingly complete (72–75%) and exceedingly rare specimen**. Usually, the pieces of Triceratops skulls are scattered over a wide area, and only a small percentage are recovered, especially in the case of a juvenile dinosaur with its delicate bone structure. In the case of Callisto, almost all of the important parts were recovered, including both brow horns and the nose horn complete with its beak. Also recovered were one maxilla, one almost complete jaw and most of the large frill. The restoration, which required extensive manual craftsmanship as well as cutting-edge 3-D modelling techniques, took a full year to complete, and resulted in this magnificent specimen.

Also among the important fossils in the December auction is a **full skeleton of a crocodile from the Eocene period**, approximately 50 million years ago. One of the best-preserved examples from the UNESCO-protected Messel Pit in Germany, this is an exceptional find (lot 851, **CHF 160 000 / 280 000**).



LOT 851 — FOSSIL CROCODILE

Crocodylia

Messel, Darmstadt, Germany; Eocene, circa 50 million years. 55 × 135 × 9 cm.

ESTIMATE: CHF 160 000 / 280 000



LOT 812 — **MINIATURE K.I.T.T. CAR FROM 'KNIGHT RIDER'**
Universal Studios, USA
62 × 22 × 15 cm (not including stand)
ESTIMATE: CHF 12 000 / 15 000



LOT 879 — **APOLLO 13 MICROFILM BIBLE FROM THE FRED HAISE COLLECTION**
Space-flown on board Apollo 13
4.1 × 4 cm.
ESTIMATE: CHF 28 000 / 35 000



LOT 902 — **ORIGINAL BATMAN TEST MASK**
'The Dark Knight', 2008
23 × 23 × 14 cm (not including stand)
ESTIMATE: CHF 2 000 / 4 000

In a more contemporary register, the auction also features a **Porsche 356 SC painted by designer Alfredo Häberli** (lot 841, CHF 95 000 / 180 000). Part of a project with Porsche Centre Zurich called 'Das Gewicht der Leichtigkeit' ('The weight of lightness'), Häberli has rendered this beautiful vehicle even more stunning with his restrained and impeccably tasteful decoration scheme. Part of the proceeds of the sale of this work of art will be **donated to the Children's Cancer Aid** organisation in Zurich. If two-wheelers are more your speed, the auction also features a gorgeous customised **Ducati 750S** motorcycle (lot 886, CHF 40 000 / 60 000).

Among the **Space Exploration memorabilia** is an **extremely rare complete Bible on microfilm**, carried aboard the ill-fated **Apollo 13** mission, and from the private collection of lunar module pilot Fred Haise. Very few complete Bibles from this series exist. One is in the collection of the Vatican, and another belongs to the Smithsonian Institution (lot 879, CHF 28 000 / 35 000).

One of the most popular categories in the 'Out of This World' auctions is **Entertainment Memorabilia**. In this auction, a miniature **production-used K.I.T.T. car from the 'Knight Rider'** television series can be had (lot 812, CHF 12 000 / 15 000), as well as an **original Batman test mask** from the 2008 film 'The Dark Knight' (lot 902, CHF 2 000 / 4 000).



LOT 855 — **SLICE OF THE ALETAI METEORITE**
Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, China. 1898. 6200 g.
67.5 × 37 × 0.5 cm.
ESTIMATE: CHF 26 000 / 40 000



LOT 863 — **AMETHYST STALACTITE GEODE**
Santa Catarina, Brazil
106 × 112 × 45 cm. 416 kg.
ESTIMATE: CHF 38 000 / 60 000



LOT 823 — **WOLLY MAMMOTH TUSK**
Mammuthus primigenius
Alaska, USA. Upper Pleistocene, 18 000–20 000 years. L 288 cm.
ESTIMATE: CHF 25 000 / 40 000



LOT 886 — **DUCATI 750S**
Designer: Yves Lingme.
ESTIMATE: CHF 40 000 / 60 000

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