

# KOLLERZURICH

## PRE-SALE PRESS RELEASE

Auctions in Zurich, 27 November – 4 December 2023

Modern, Contemporary & Swiss Art – Jewellery – Watches – Asian Art

Fountain Pen Fascination – Out of This World

## FROM PISSARRO TO PARAÍBA, A SELECTION OF HIGH-QUALITY WORKS IN KOLLER'S END-OF-YEAR AUCTIONS

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3211  
CAMILLE PISSARRO  
Prairies à Gisors. 1885.  
Oil on canvas.  
59.7 × 73 cm.  
CHF 1.1 / 1.6 million

The **Impressionist & Modern Art** auction on 1 December will be led by a magnificent landscape by **Camille Pissarro**, 'Prairies à Gisors', which was one of the paintings the artist kept for himself until the end of his life, and it remained in Pissarro's family until the 1950s (lot 3211, **CHF 1.1 / 1.6 million**). Another outstanding Neo-Impressionist painting is 'Impression de gelée, le matin au soleil levant' by **Gustave Loiseau** (lot 3206, **CHF 100 000 / 150 000**). Works by **German Expressionists** include a view of houses among dunes, painted by **Hermann Max Pechstein** at the artist's colony in Nidden, Pomerania (lot 3235, **CHF 100 000 / 150 000**), and **Emil Nolde's** watercolour 'Mountain Lake', which he made during his last trip to Switzerland in 1948 (lot 3226, **CHF 80 000 / 120 000**). A snow-covered Tyrolian mountain landscape by Austrian painter **Alfons Walde** will be offered for **CHF 250 000 / 350 000** (lot 3242).

**Swiss Art** on 1 December features a fascinating sunset landscape from 1918 by **Félix Vallotton** (lot 3029, **CHF 750 000 / 1 000 000**), in which he employs planes of colour and contrasts between light and shadow to create a strikingly modern work. Several paintings by **Giovanni Giacometti from the Karl Balsiger collection** – one of the artist's most fervent collectors – will be offered, including 'The Apple Tree', a Fauvist work from 1912 (lot 3032, **CHF 250 000 / 400 000**), and 'Mare di Nebbia' a magical composition showing the peaks of the Alps showing above a sea of fog (lot 3019, **CHF 250 000 / 350 000**). Several works by **Albert Anker** are in the auction, such as a charming depiction of a school child in a snowy landscape (lot 3014, **CHF 350 000 / 650 000**).



3029  
**FÉLIX VALLOTTON**  
Coucher de soleil, nuages bleus. 1918.  
Oil on canvas.  
46 × 54 cm.  
CHF 750 000 / 1 000 000



3032  
**GIOVANNI GIACOMETTI**  
The apple tree. 1912.  
Oil on canvas.  
81.5 × 81 cm  
CHF 250 000 / 400 000

The **PostWar & Contemporary Art** auction on 30 November includes a marble sculpture of a surveillance camera by Chinese dissident artist **Ai Weiwei**, which underlines the tension between technology and personal freedom (lot 3465, **CHF 150 000 / 250 000**). A monumental work by **Jannis Kounellis** is part of the artist's explorations of representing our world through non-traditional artistic means (lot 3428, **CHF 180 000 / 280 000**). Works by **Mark Tobey** (lot 3420, **CHF 160 000 / 240 000**), **Jesús Rafael Soto** (lot 3431, **CHF 100 000 / 200 000**), **Victor Vasarely** (lot 3408, **CHF 70 000 / 90 000**) and **Ian Davenport** (lot 3433, **CHF 60 000 / 80 000**) round out the contemporary art on offer.



3241  
**ALFONS WALDE**  
Skiers in an Alpine pasture. 1933.  
Oil on board.  
42 × 59 cm.  
CHF 250 000 / 350 000



3019  
**GIOVANNI GIACOMETTI**  
Mare di Nebbia. 1921.  
Oil on canvas.  
87 × 90 cm.  
CHF 250 000 / 350 000





3428  
**JANNIS KOUNELLIS**  
Untitled. 1989.  
Charcoal and lead on iron.  
201 × 181 × 14 cm.  
CHF 180 000 / 280 000



3433  
**IAN DAVENPORT**  
Colourcade: Orange and Yellow. 2015.  
Acrylic on stainless steel, on aluminium.  
150 × 200 cm (2 parts).  
CHF 60 000 / 80 000

Over 400 lots will be offered in the **Jewellery** auction on 29 November, including several unmounted stones that of outstanding quality and size, such as a **Paraiba tourmaline** of over 22 ct. (lot 2347, CHF 280 000 / 380 000), and a **cabochon emerald** of an impressive 176.24 ct. (lot 2133, CHF 250 000 / 350 000). The **Watches** auction on 27 November features a **Patek Philippe** platinum men's wristwatch from 1944 that may well be **the only one of its kind ever made** (lot 2861, CHF 120 000 / 180 000). And for the first time, Koller will offer a private **Swiss collection of luxury writing instruments** in a special sale entitled '**Fountain Pen Fascination**'. Among the over 200 lots in the 27 November auction are rare examples from **Dunhill-Namiki** (lot 1185, CHF 20 000 / 30 000) and **Montblanc** (lot 1132, CHF 30 000 / 50 000).

And the third edition of '**Out of This World**' on 4 December will include the impressive skull of a juvenile **Triceratops** (lot 873, CHF 300 000 / 500 000). For more information about this auction, please see the **separate press release**



1185  
**DUNHILL-NAMIKI**  
Motorities Emperor Maki-e  
Limited Edition 25.  
18kt gold nib. Numbered 12/25.  
CHF 20 000 / 30 000



2347  
**UNMOUNTED PARAÍBA TOURMALINE**  
Very fine blue pear-shaped Paraiba  
tourmaline of 22.14 ct, Mozambique.  
CHF 280 000 / 380 000



2861  
**PATEK PHILIPPE**  
The only known ref. 1599 -  
possibly unique, 1944.  
950 platinum.  
CHF 120 000 / 180 000

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS (click on the images for direct access to the online catalogue)



3235  
**HERMANN MAX PECHSTEIN**  
Landscape (houses in dunes). 1927.  
Oil on canvas.  
70.5 × 80.5 cm.  
CHF 100 000 / 150 000



3206  
**GUSTAVE LOISEAU**  
Impression de gelée, le matin au soleil levant, Tournedos-sur-Seine.  
Circa 1899. Oil on canvas  
54.5 × 65 cm.  
CHF 100 000 / 150 000



3203  
**MAX LIEBERMANN**  
Allee in Schlangenbad (Promenade in Schlangenbad). 1895.  
Pastel on board.  
60.5 × 88 cm.  
CHF 60 000 / 80 000



3226  
**EMIL NOLDE**  
Gebirgssee/Bergsee (Mountain lake). 1948.  
Watercolour on Japan paper.  
26.5 × 45.6 cm.  
CHF 80 000 / 120 000

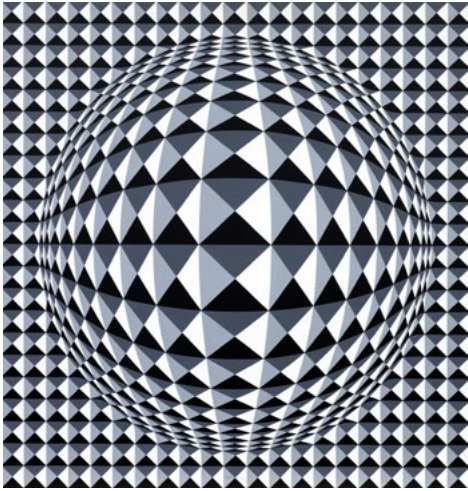


3008  
**ROBERT ZÜND**  
Oak forest.  
Oil on canvas  
80 × 60 cm.  
CHF 150 000 / 250 000



3014  
**ALBERT ANKER**  
School child with a fur hat in a snowy landscape. 1877.  
Oil on canvas.  
38 × 32.5 cm.  
CHF 350 000 / 650 000





3408  
**VICTOR VASARELY**  
 Karpát. 1984.  
 Acrylic on canvas.  
 88 × 84 cm.  
 CHF 70 000 / 90 000



3431  
**JESÚS RAFAEL SOTO**  
 Trois cercles noirs. 1996.  
 Painted wood, wire, metal and colour screenprint.  
 85.5 × 102 × 16.5 cm.  
 CHF 100 000 / 200 000



3465  
**AI WEIWEI**  
 Surveillance Camera and Plinth. 2015.  
 Marble. 15/17.  
 118 × 51.5 × 52 cm.  
 CHF 150 000 / 250 000

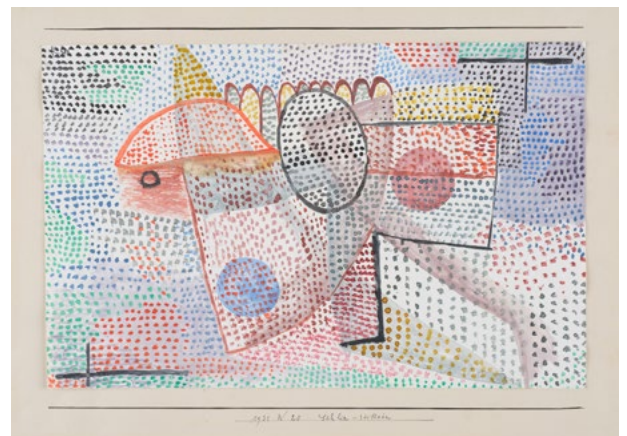


3217  
**PABLO PICASSO**  
 Portrait of Françoise Gilot. 1949.  
 Ink and watercolour on paper.  
 38 × 28.5 cm.  
 CHF 180 000 / 280 000



3684  
**BANKSY**  
 No Ball Games (Grey).  
 2009. Colour screenprint.  
 233/250. 67 × 70 cm.  
 CHF 35 000 / 45 000

3250  
**PAUL KLEE**  
 Schilf-Stilleben. 1931.  
 Watercolour on glue-primed paper, laid down on board. 80 × 60 cm.  
 CHF 250 000 / 350 000





Click on the catalogue cover to see the press release for the Out of This World III auction on 4 December 2023.

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### AUCTION PROGRAMME, NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

Monday, 27 November	Watches Fountain Pen Fascination
Tuesday, 28 November	Asian Art: China, Himalaya, Japan, India, Southeast Asia
Wednesday, 29 November	Jewellery Asian Art (ibid online only)
Thursday, 30 November	Postwar & Contemporary Art Prints & Multiples
Friday, 1 December	Swiss Art Impressionist & Modern Art
Monday, 4 December	Out of This World (Natural History, Space Exploration & Entertainment Memorabilia)
Tuesday, 5 December (ibid online only)	Design, Art Nouveau & Art Deco, Furniture, Silver (catalogues online 21 November)
Wednesday, 6 December (ibid online only)	20th & 21st c. Paintings & Prints, Swiss Art (catalogues online 21 November)
Thursday, 7 December (ibid online only)	Vintage Fashion, Hermès Carrés (catalogues online 21 November)

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