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## DOYLE TO HOLD INAUGURAL WEST COAST AUCTION ON MAY 21, 2015

Sale in Beverly Hills to Feature Over 250 Lots of Fine Jewelry

Exquisite Designs by Such Prestigious Makers as Van Cleef & Arpels, Cartier, Bulgari and Tiffany & Co.

Exhibition and Auction at the L'Ermitage Beverly Hills

LOS ANGELES (May 6, 2015) – Doyle will hold its Inaugural West Coast Auction in Beverly Hills on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 10am. The sale of Fine Jewelry will feature exquisite designs by such prestigious makers as Van Cleef & Arpels, Cartier, Bulgari and Tiffany & Co. Comprising over 250 lots, the sale showcases jewelry set with diamonds, colored gemstones and pearls, as well as gold jewelry, fine watches and gentlemen's accessories.

The public is invited to the exhibition and auction at L'Ermitage Beverly Hills, located at 9291 Burton Way in Beverly Hills. The exhibition will be on view from May 17 through 20.

Highlighting the sale is a selection of stunning rings, including examples set with high-carat-weight natural sapphires from Ceylon (Sri Lanka) (estimates range \$15,000-120,000). Diamond rings feature a platinum engagement ring by Tiffany & Co. set with a round diamond of approx. 3.33 carats, H color, VVS2 clarity (est. \$35,000-45,000) and another ring centering a Fancy Light Yellow diamond of approx. 5.26 carats, SI1 clarity (est. \$40,000-60,000).

Certain to attract attention is dazzling jewelry once owned by the film star Mae West, comprising a *circa* 1950 platinum and diamond bracelet-watch by Fred (est. \$50,000-70,000) and a platinum, moonstone and diamond ring (est. \$5,000-7,000).

Art Deco jewelry in the auction offers a rare circa 1925 pendant-watch by Janesich, France (est. \$20,000-30,000). Fashioned from platinum and gold set with diamonds and an emerald and pearl, this exquisite watch is decorated in a geometric pattern in black enamel and surmounted by a diamond rondel. It has descended in the family of the original owner.

The selection of antique jewelry includes a rare *circa* 1890 gold, pink enamel and diamond 'American Wild Rose' brooch by Paulding Farnham for Tiffany & Co. (est. \$15,000-25,000). This exceptionally beautiful brooch dates to the period immediately following the success of Tiffany's series of orchid brooches at the Exposition Universelle of 1889 in Paris.

Necklaces in the sale include a stunning platinum and diamond necklace by Tiffany & Co., diamonds total approx. 60.00 carats (est. \$80,000-120,000), and a stylish gold and diamond necklace and pair of earclips by Bulgari (est. \$70,000-90,000).

Fine watches for ladies and gentlemen include examples by Patek Philippe, Cartier, Tiffany & Co., Piaget, Blancpain, Rolex, Carrera & Carrera and Buccellati, among others.

For information and catalogue orders, call 310-276-6616 or email DoyleLA@Doyle.com. The fully illustrated Internet catalogue may be viewed at Doyle.com

## **Doyle's Expansion to the West Coast**

Established in New York in 1962, Doyle is one of the world's premier auctioneers of jewelry, fine art, Asian works of art, furniture, decorations and a variety of specialty categories. Doyle recently opened an office in Beverly Hills located at 9595 Wilshire Boulevard, a block from famed Rodeo Drive. This expansion to California provides collectors, families, heirs and curators on the West Coast with direct and convenient access to Doyle's full range of auction and appraisal services.

Doyle has long served the Hollywood community as auctioneer of the estates of such film legends as Gloria Swanson, James Cagney, Bette Davis, Rock Hudson, Joan Crawford, Ruth Gordon, Rex Harrison and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

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