

Adam's serves up a dazzling display of jewels for its upcoming auction

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Claire-Laurence Mestrallet, director and head of jewellery at Adam's, appears to have something of a Midas touch. Her forthcoming 245-lot fine jewellery sale, taking place on May 12, features works from the Armour family of Chicago alongside important European collections.

The sale includes the fifth Kashmir

sapphire to be offered by the auction house within just 12 months, a rare feat even in the salerooms of London or New York.

The elongated cushion-shaped Kashmir sapphire, set in a collet setting and surrounded by scalloped old-cut diamonds dating from circa 1890 to 1900, carries an estimate of €50,000 to €90,000.

Another standout piece which can only be described as a showstopper is a pear-shaped diamond weighing 12.48 carat, set in a 10-claw mount (€30,000 to €40,000).

From the same collection, a dazzling diamond pendant is centred on a 12.29 carat brilliant-cut yellow diamond, set in an eight-claw mount and topped with a graduated marquise-shaped diamond surmount (€55,000 to €65,000).

A Van Cleef & Arpels coral and diamond demi-parure, Rose de Noël (€25,000 to €30,000), features carved white coral petals centred with a cluster of brilliant-cut diamonds.

Accompanied by a pair of matching ear clips, it is one of the maison's enduring designs, inspired by Christmas roses, notes Mestrallet.

For collectors seeking exceptional bangles or bracelets, there are plenty of those from, starting with a vintage Cartier diamond, lacquer and gold bangle (€3,000 to €5,000), dating to circa 1910. Highly distinctive, it may have been a special commission, adds Mestrallet.

A Bulgari wide bracelet of woven mesh-link design, features a rectangular buckle-style clasp with reeded detailing to each side (€5,000 to €6,000), while a Tiffany & Co mother of pearl

and onyx bangle (€15,000 to €25,000) was designed by the renowned Angela Cummings.

It is decorated throughout with a continuous chevron pattern of alternating triangular panels inlaid with mother-of-pearl and black onyx against a polished gold ground.

Further sparkle can be found in a diamond bangle (€4,000 to €6,000) of openwork interlinked design, set with brilliant-cut diamonds totalling 4.4 carats. Finally, with a nod to dachshund lovers, there's a charming gem-set novelty brooch (€1,400 to €1,800) by Margerita Burgener.

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Adams's upcoming jewellery sale features a rare Kashmir diamond ring, a gem-set dachshund brooch, a pear-shaped diamond set in a 10-claw mount and bangles from Cartier and Bulgari



Diamond bangle of openwork interlinked design



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