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Spectacular Diamonds and the Designs of Schlumberger, Verdura and David Webb: Michaan's Sale of Exceptional Fine Jewelry

In a special Monday auction [on December 10](#), Michaan's presents an exclusive collection of fine designer jewelry from the estate of a single San Francisco collector. "It is a thrill to present 115 jewelry lots of such striking taste and quality," says Michaan's jewelry specialist Elise Coronado. "This estate is very special and the timing of the sale could not be better for buyers" adds Coronado, whose jewelry sales have flourished throughout 2018.

The star of the show is a ring centering a fancy yellow fine diamond of 10.47 carats, accented by two white triangular diamonds, each over one carat. The magnificent emerald-cut yellow stone is GIA certified, VS2 clarity. Estimated at \$100,000-\$150,000, this ring aligns perfectly with the market's keen appetite for fine natural fancy colored diamonds.

Jean Schlumberger (1907-1987) is known and adored for his Tiffany & Company designs of uncommon chic and whimsy. Schlumberger's legacy of brilliance keeps his name forever high on the list of the world's most coveted fine jewelry. The starfish diamond earrings, with *en tremblant* centers and flowing seaweed accents (\$10,000-\$15,000) exemplify Schlumberger's peerless jeweled reflections of the natural world. His day-into-night ribbon motif diamond earrings (\$15,000-\$25,000) suspend dazzling removable fruits. Schlumberger's signature 18k yellow gold "X" motifs adorn the magnificent 'Cooper' bracelet, made of bold platinum links set with oodles of fine diamonds (\$30,000-\$50,000). Also featuring the Schlumberger "X" is the diamond-encrusted ring centering a large cushion-cut sapphire (\$20,000-\$30,000). Many pieces from Tiffany & Co. are offered in this sale, including more by Schlumberger as well as the designs of Paloma Picasso.

The December 10th event also presents an exciting opportunity to savor the genius of David Webb (1925-1975). A visionary American designer who drew inspiration from every culture and era, Webb was a favorite jeweler of Jacqueline Kennedy, the Duchess of Windsor and Hollywood icons including Elizabeth Taylor. His audacious designs are perfect for the red carpet and are

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worn by the style elite such as [Beyoncé](#), Gwyneth Paltrow, and Helen Mirren. Webb's art deco style cuff bracelet of diamonds, black enamel, platinum and yellow gold is estimated at \$15,000-\$25,000. His carved coral earrings with sapphires and diamonds, featuring South American motifs, are accompanied by original David Webb boxes (\$12,000-\$18,000). An Asian-inspired bracelet of coral, diamonds and enamel (\$15,000-\$25,000) and the "endless knot" carved coral ring (\$10,000-\$15,000) are also among the David Webb pieces in this sale.

Verdura was founded in 1939 by an Italian duke who created legendary jewelry in Paris for Coco Chanel before establishing his own design house on Fifth Avenue. Verdura blends great flair with impeccable taste. Like the designs of Chanel — whose creations can also be found in this sale — Verdura's jewels delight women of all ages. In this auction is Verdura's signature 18k yellow gold 'Maltese Cross' bracelet, the very definition of a statement piece. Estimated at \$20,000-\$30,000, it centers a gleaming peridot surrounded by blue topaz, cultured pearls and brilliant-cut diamonds atop carved black jade. Other amazing finds by Verdura include the pair of platinum 'Comet' clip earrings, each set with four and a half carats of fine diamonds (\$15,000-\$25,000).

The collection offered [on December 10](#) reveals the confidence of the woman who amassed and wore these singular treasures. Buccellati earrings, bracelets and a necklace were among her favorites. A pair of Buccellati flower ear clips is composed of brilliant diamonds set in textured 18k yellow and white gold (\$3,000-\$5,000). Jewels by Bulgari, Cezua and Hermès are also offered; pieces by Tony Duquette and Barry Kieselstein-Cord are in the sale. From Gump's, the 17-inch necklace of 45 red coral beads is estimated at \$5,000-\$7,000.

The spectacular rings are not to be missed. A velvety 10-carat emerald is flanked by glittering triangular diamonds (\$10,000-\$15,000). The classic five carat fine diamond ring centers a round brilliant-cut stone with baguettes (\$20,000-\$30,000).

Bidders are invited to preview the sale by appointment or in the auction gallery on preview days, December 2nd (9 to 5), 7th (noon to 5) and 8th (9 to 5). Michaan's opens at 10 am on the 10th for the 1 pm live auction, supplemented by absentee and online bidding. The full catalog and event details can be found at www.michaans.com. Elise Coronado welcomes inquiries at (510)227-2570 and elise@michaans.com.