



## September Style!

### Save the dates...

14th & 16th September 2021

Welcome friends, August is always a wind down month for the team at SAS, so we're keeping our newsletter short but very sweet... Staff are having a much-needed break to recharge their batteries before we go again. We are working on some amazing auctions, watch this space for more news.

We're super excited to feature two fabulous auctions in September, starting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September The François Touzin Corkscrew Collection together with Wines, Spirits & Ephemera followed by our Jewellery, Silver, Watches & Coins auction on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September featuring Bernie Byrne's breath-taking gems, there's a real sparkle about this auction ...

We have an absolute treat from a single owner collector, François Touzin. It was a real honour François chose SAS to feature his prized collection of marvellous corkscrews accompanied by another fantastic single owner collection of champagnes, wines & spirits, so on that note cheers everyone!

Don't forget we're consigning for our Antique & Collectables auctions at both Newbury & Dudley, please see below for more information.

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### The François Touzin Corkscrew collection together with Wine, Spirits & Ephemera

Tuesday 14th September at 10am



A single owner collection of corkscrews and wine memorabilia is going under the hammer at Special Auction Services in Newbury on Tuesday 14 September and is expected to fetch over £20,000.

The vendor, François Touzin, started collecting in 1976 when he took his then girlfriend to a BYO restaurant. As the restaurant did not have a corkscrew he purchased one for £4 from the antiques shop next door and from then his interest in them was piqued.

Although his first corkscrew is not being sold, there'll be several hundred in the auction with prices ranging from £50-600 spanning 150 years with diverse styles from simple to more complicated designs. The collection comprises corkscrews made around the world including UK, France, US, Germany, Sweden, Denmark & Italy and is a great representation of all types from mechanical, straight pull, pocket, figural, easers, cellarman, cap lifters as well as two and three finger pulls.

François spent his career working in Luxury Hotels and established much of his collection when travelling the world for work as well as pleasure. He says, "I am always intrigued and fascinated by the mechanisms of corkscrews and consider them objects of beauty. I am always in awe of the delicate craftsmanship, the amount of passion,

work and attention to detail that goes into something made to open a bottle of wine, remove corks from a perfume bottle or even a medicine bottle."

An established collector, François remembers where he bought each object in his collection and why. He always buys within his budget and collects on a "quality not quantity" basis. He credits his wife with a lot of patience and is fortunate to have had the space to keep them in the dining room of their London home.

The corkscrews will be sold in individual as well as groups; **The Empire**, an English 19<sup>th</sup> Century double lever corkscrew, made by Heeley & Sons Birmingham is one of the top lots and is expected to fetch £500-550

and a **two-column narrow rack and pinion corkscrew** with bone handle and hanging ring is estimated at £370-450.

Other fine examples are an **18th Century English silver sheathed corkscrew** marked 'SP' at the base of the sheath for Samuel Pemberton, Birmingham 1784, (£250-300) and an **American 1930s stained SyrocoWood table corkscrew with cap lifter** "The Monk" which will be sold for £200-250.

Comical corkscrews that are bound to bring a smile to any dining table include a **pair of carved corozo nuts with caricature heads** and hair whose designs are the inverse of each other and are expected to fetch £200-250; a **German late 19th Century novelty folding 'Lady's Legs' pocket corkscrew** (estimate £180-200); a **1920s English celluloid figural corkscrew in the shape of a 'fat huntsman'** carries an estimate of £60-80; whilst **two Italian figural corkscrews of a barman and waiter carrying three pints** are estimated at estimate £70-90 for the pair.

Group lots include **seven Scandinavian 20th Century direct pull figural corkscrews** (estimate £100-£120), **five roundlets** (estimate £80-100) and **four French 20th Century all steel mechanical corkscrews** estimated at £70-90.

For more information/images and to arrange an interview with François or our Expert Thomas Forrester, please contact Suzanne Trisk [press@specialauctionservices.com](mailto:press@specialauctionservices.com)

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## ONLINE CATALOGUE



**Feature Lot 7**

William Lund's Patent 'London Rack' 1855 with bottle grips, the top of the shaft is marked Lund's Patent London Rack and the frame is marked Lund Maker Cornhill and Fleet St London, rosewood handle with brush and hanging ring, 20cm with worm, 26cm extended.

Est £600-£800



**Feature Lot 85**

Seven Scandinavian 20th Century direct pull figural corkscrews, a pewter Bacchus pressing grapes, a wooden and steel wine barrel, a Swedish pewter cock, an animal catching his tail, a pewter cat, a brass bird and a silver plated Viking boat with sail, 13cm

Est £100-120

## Jewellery, Silver, Watches & Coins

**Thursday 16h September at 10am**

Lot 352-360 were all mined by Bernie Byrne, a Warwickshire man who went out to Australia as a £10 Pom!

The remarkable story of this adventure and the mining of the Sapphires



and other precious gemstones in Queensland Australia, can be followed in his book 'The Warwickshire Aborigine'

Special Auction Services decided to have five of the larger gems recently certificated through the London lab GCS. All of the certificates have come back as natural non heat treated sapphires variety corundum.

It is our belief that the rest of the gem material is from the same source and thus all natural and having no signs of heat treatment. It is unusual to find a pink in this location, hence the reason we have chosen to have this one certified.

## ONLINE CATALOGUE



### Feature Lot 358

Twenty four loose natural non heat treated yellow and golden sapphires, of octagonal, rectangular and round cut, various carats, in fitted case

Est £2000-£3000



### Feature Lot 359

Fifty loose natural non heat treated fancy coloured and bi coloured sapphires, various cuts of baguette and round, in fitted case

Est £2000-£3000

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You receive a list of your lots and a catalogue 2 weeks ahead of the auction

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