

## An Important Onyx, Crystal and Diamond Art Deco Brooch by Georges Fouquet Leads Saffronart's Fine Jewels & Silver Auction

**Mumbai, 19 April 2024:** Saffronart's online auction of Fine Jewels and Silver returns this May with a curated selection of exquisite Art Deco jewellery, period pieces, stunning brooches, statement rings, and finely crafted silverware. The sale will take place on 1-2 May 2024 and features a diverse collection of 86 lots.

**An Important Art Deco Onyx, Crystal and Diamond Brooch by Georges Fouquet (Lot 44, estimate: INR 25 - 35 lakhs; USD 30,490 - 42,685)** leads the auction. The Fouquet dynasty stands out among the preeminent families of French jewellery for its commitment to dynamic, bold, and creative designs that were one of a kind. This brooch highlights Georges Fouquet's exquisite craftsmanship during the Art Deco era, where his jewellery took on a bolder appearance, characterised by strong geometric forms, clean lines, and bold colour combinations. The brooch features several stylistic trademarks of Art Deco jewellery, most noticeably its sleek, linear appearance, and a dramatic black-and-white colour scheme with platinum and diamonds juxtaposed against striking onyx.

Some other notable brooches from the auction include **A Victorian Diamond Brooch (Lot 51, estimate: INR 15 - 20 lakhs; USD 18,295 - 24,395)** that is designed as a flying swallow and studded with old-cut diamonds; an **Art Deco Diamond Brooch (Lot 45, estimate: INR 11.5 - 13.5 lakhs; USD 14,025 - 16,465)** that resembles layers of ribbon set with baguette-shaped, old-cut, and single-cut diamonds; and a contemporary **Pearl and Diamond Brooch (Lot 41, estimate: INR 14 - 18 lakhs; USD 17,075 - 21,955)** that is designed in a radiating sunburst motif.

Designer pieces from Cartier and contemporary jewellery designer Joel Arthur Rosenthal, also known as JAR, are also a part of the sale. Among the two period pieces by Cartier is a circular **Period Diamond Pocket Watch by Cartier (Lot 77, estimate: INR 14 - 18 lakhs; USD 17,075 - 21,955)** that exemplifies the luxury French maison's exquisite craftsmanship and features blue Breguet hands and a striking 'rail track' accent on its dial, a signature addition to the house design by Louis Cartier. The **Period Gold Cigarette Case by Cartier (Lot 78, estimate: INR 14 - 18 lakhs; USD 17,075 - 21,955)** from circa 1920s showcases the trademark Cartier dedication to detail in its unique clip with sapphire cabochons and also features a signature that reads 'Cartier Paris'. Notably, this case, which carries the French hallmarks for gold, has all its original components. The design of these lots is testament to the pioneering spirit of Cartier whose works remain modern in innovation and are yet timeless.

The Pair of ‘Tickle Me Feather’ Earrings by JAR ([Lot 86](#), estimate: INR 8 - 12 lakhs; USD 9,760 - 14,635) is a unique pair of earrings made from striking matte black resin and shaped like scrolled feathers. With less than a hundred JAR pieces created each year, these designs are highly coveted for their exquisite quality and rarity and are part of the private collections of icons such as Elizabeth Taylor, Diane von Furstenberg, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Ellen Barkin.

Other highlights from the auction include a beautiful Emerald and Diamond Bracelet ([Lot 27](#), estimate: INR 14 - 16 lakhs; USD 17,075 - 19,515), a delicate Diamond Bracelet ([Lot 28](#), estimate: INR 10 - 15 lakhs; USD 12,200 - 18,295), and a gorgeous Pair of Mother of Pearl and Diamond Earrings ([Lot 63](#), estimate: INR 3.5 - 5.5 lakhs; USD 4,270 - 6,710).

The sale also features remarkable Kutch silverware, which was the most widely admired of all Indian silverwork during the 19th century. This includes objects from the atelier of Oomersi Mawji such as a Silver Water Pot ([Lot 80](#), estimate: INR 1.5 - 2 lakhs; USD 1,830 - 2,440), and a Silver Water Jug ([Lot 81](#), estimate: INR 1 - 1.5 lakhs; USD 1,220 - 1,830). Unlike most Kutch silverware that displays intricate patterning, these jugs are more streamlined in form with fluted necks and subtle detail on their handles.

The catalogue also includes a Silver ‘Hookah’ ([Lot 85](#), estimate: INR 4 – 6 lakhs; USD 4,880 - 7,320) from Kutch, Gujarat, which exemplifies the intricacy and finesse that is the hallmark of Kutch silverwork. Its design speaks of master craftsmanship and seamlessly blends delicate engravings of floral and geometric motifs.

Other significant silverware from the sale includes a Period Silver ‘Paan Daan’ ([Lot 82](#), estimate: INR 3 - 5 lakhs; USD 3,660 - 6,100) from Northern India that is decorated with hunting scenes and floral chasings; an octagon-shaped Silver ‘Paan Daan’ and Tray ([Lot 83](#), estimate: INR 3 - 5 lakhs; USD 3,660 - 6,100) comprising a central box and tray, both decorated in leaf motifs; and an Enamelled Silver Box by Mappin and Webb ([Lot 84](#), estimate: INR 1.2 - 1.8 lakhs; USD 1,465 - 2,200) from 1933 that showcases blue guilloché enamelling on the top with a cushion-set compartment on the inside with hallmarks on the inside and the bottom and a stamp that reads 'MAPPIN & WEBB LTD’.

Commenting on auction, **Minal Vazirani, Saffronart President and Co-Founder** says, *“The legacies of some iconic eras in jewellery design, such as Art Deco and Victorian, are being carried forward through the catalogue of our Fine Jewels and Silver Auction. Our team of experts have also carefully curated magnificent silverware that celebrates the craftsmanship of 20th-century silversmiths. With a mix of period and contemporary designs and heirloom-worthy works from distinguished jewellery maisons and designers such as Cartier and Georges Fouquet, the sale caters to the unique tastes of both new buyers and seasoned collectors.”*

The auction will take place on [saffronart.com](https://saffronart.com) and will be preceded by viewings in Mumbai. All lots can be viewed on [saffronart.com](https://saffronart.com).

**AUCTION DATES**

Fine Jewels and Silver | 1-2 May 2024 on [saffronart.com](https://saffronart.com)

**VIEWINGS**

**MUMBAI**

18 April – 2 May 2024  
11 am – 7 pm, Monday to Saturday  
Sunday (by appointment only)

**VENUE**

Saffronart, Industry Manor, Ground Floor  
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