



Yellow diamonds are top lot at Christie's New York sale

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New York—Christie's New York's "Important Jewels" auction brought in more than \$8 million, with 92 percent of the 252 lots selling.

The top lot of the June 13 auction, a pair of heart-shaped fancy vivid yellow diamonds of VS1 quality (lot 160), fetched \$756,800. The 6.42-carat, and 6.78-carat diamonds were sold to a private buyer from the Middle East for \$57,000 per carat.

A pair of natural gray-and-white pearl and diamond ear pendants (lot 255) sold for \$644,800, exceeding the high end of their \$250,000-\$400,000 estimate by more than \$200,000.

The next highest sale, at \$384,000, was a modified rectangular-cut fancy vivid yellow diamond of 11.75 carats and VVS2 quality. The stone sold for \$32,700 per carat.

Other top lots included an Art Deco bracelet by Cartier (lot 242), which sold for \$288,000, and a diamond flower brooch by Harry Winston (lot 219), which brought \$168,000.

Christie's London auction, held earlier on the same day, brought in a total of \$18.5 million.

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