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TEFAF MAASTRICHT 2025



As we return from the 38th edition of Maastricht, we want to reflect on a positive fair.

The mood was buoyant, with visitor numbers reaching over 50,000 with collectors hungry to acquire more pieces than they have been for the last couple of years post-COVID. As you have seen in previous newsletters, we bought a strong selection of French Empire Silver alongside our usual offering of exceptional English Silver, Gold Boxes, and Jewellery. Visitors to the fair were enthusiastic about our display and wanted to engage with, learn about, and discuss the pieces. In addition to engaging with collectors, there was a good contingent from both British and US museums.

We were pleased to sell well across categories: British silver by Paul Storr and Paul De Lamerie, multiple pairs of fine French candlesticks (see our latest catalogue on 'A Magnificent Private Collection of French 18th Century Candlesticks') and a variety of Jewellery.

We sold several significant empire pieces made for important services such as the Borghese, Madame Mere and Branicki, including the beautiful and much admired Empire Confiturier from the Borghese Service, made in Paris, 1798-1809 (with 12 spoons- Paris, 1819-1838) by Martin-Guillaume Biennais and Jean-Charles Cahier. This confiturier formed part of an extensive service reputedly given by Napoléon to his sister Pauline and Prince Camillo who married in 1803. This stunning piece is intricately decorated with Egyptian-style decoration and topped with a final in the form of a hound, my favourite part! It is a museum-quality piece, with one known example of this form sitting in the Louvre and another in the Rijksmuseum.

In jewellery sales, coloured Stones were especially popular at Maastricht this year, contrasting with the popularity of Diamond Jewellery at The Winter Show in New

York in January.

Please see below for a selection of the notable sales.

Being surrounded by objects of such magnitude and quality at TEFAF is always a highlight of the fair calendar. As a young dealer, I find it incredibly inspiring to be around other dealers who are so passionate about their subject and speak about it with such affection and knowledge.

Our next fair is The Treasure House Fair, which will be held **from June 26th to July 1st, 2025**, at The Royal Hospital Chelsea. We hope to see you there.

In the meantime, you are always welcome to visit the gallery on Dover Street from Monday to Saturday.

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Notable sales at Tefaf Maastricht 2025



A Royal Pair of George III 'Barrell' Wine Coolers

London, 1800

Maker's mark of William Holmes

Weight: 4,556.7 g, 146 oz 10 dwt

Height: 19.4 cm, 7.63 in



An Important Empire Silver-Gilt Confiturier

Paris, 1798-1809 (with 12 spoons- Paris, 1819-1838)

Maker's Mark of Martin-Guillaume Biennais and Jean-Charles Cahier

Height: 29.5 cm, 11.6 in

Weight: 3,710 g, 131 oz



A pair of cabochon emerald and briolette diamond pendant earrings



A Pair of George III Silver Four-Light Candelabra

London, 1808,
Maker's mark of Richard Cooke

Height of candelabra: 67.3 cm, 26 1/2 in.

Weight: 11,921 g, 383 oz



The Toilette Service of Countess Von der Leyen

Strasbourg, 1788 - 1789
By Johannes Jacob Kirstein & Carl Ludwig Emmerich



The Sneyd Tureen: An Incredible George II Soup Tureen

London, 1750

By Paul De Lamerie

Bearing the crest and coat-of-arms of Sneyd, Keele Hall, Stafford

Length (handle to handle): 44cm, 17.3in.

Weight: 3740g, 120oz



Four French Louis XV Candlesticks

Paris, 1740

Maker's mark of Alexis Loir.

Height: 24.5 cm, 9.6 in

Weight: 2,960 g, 95 oz 3 dwt

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