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# Christie's to auction private luxury handbag collection

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*Many limited edition and bespoke releases are included in the lot. Image courtesy of Christie's*

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British auction house **Christie's** is putting a single collector's selection of handbags up for sale.

The auction, titled "Unlocking the Orange Dream: Handbags from an Important Private Collection," will see 200 purses from French fashion and leather goods house Herms hit the block. Bids will be accepted beginning on Oct. 30, 2024, with the event ending on Nov. 13, 2024.

## **On the block**

Herms' iconic Birkin, Kelly, Touch, Cargo and Constance handbag lines are spotlighted within the allotment.

Each of the models hails from the late 1990s or 2000s, with many of the purses being limited-edition drops or bespoke custom orders, representing a wide spectrum of colors and sizes. In particular, orange, blue and yellow hues are prevalent throughout the collection.



*One of the orange bags, the Hermès "Quelle Idole," is expected to fetch between \$22,000 and \$29,000. Image courtesy of Christie's*

One of the lot's standout pieces is the Hermès "Birkin Nuage," an ultra-rare and highly sought-after handbag that is expected to garner a final bid between \$67,000 and \$97,000. Two high-profile purses from French designer Jean Paul Gaultier's tenure as the maison's creative director, the "So Black Birkin" and "So Black Kelly," are projected to have price tags of up to \$33,500.

"Unlocking the Orange Dream: Handbags from an Important Private Collection" will be held on the auction house's [website](#) at the end of next month.

To coincide with the upcoming single-owner sale, Christie's will also host "[Handbags online: The Paris Edit](#)," an allotment of carryalls and trunks from luxury brands such as Louis Vuitton, Chanel and Dior. It will also begin on Oct. 30, 2024, with bids closing on Nov. 14, 2024; an exhibition of the spotlighted items will run from Oct. 31, 2024, to Nov. 6, 2024.

Christie's has expanded its global reach in recent days, naming a managing director for its recently inaugurated operations in Saudi Arabia ([see story](#)).