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Phillips Perpetual Announces *Independent Spirit*, a Unique Exhibition Celebrating Independent Watchmaking

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Soberly Onyx



Theo Auffret
Tourbillon à Paris



David Candaux
The DC6 Titanium



Konstantin Chaykin
The Joker Classic



Charles Frodsham
22K Yellow Gold Double Impulse
Chronometer

LONDON – 27 FEBRUARY 2025 – Phillips Perpetual is proud to present ***Independent Spirit***, an exclusive exhibition dedicated to the artistry and innovation of independent watchmaking. On display at 30 Berkeley Square, London, from **13 to 15 March, 2025**, this landmark event will showcase five esteemed independent watchmakers: **Raúl Pagès**, **Theo Auffret**, **David Candaux**, **Konstantin Chaykin**, and **Charles Frodsham**. A selection of watches by independent watchmakers from the forthcoming **Geneva Watch Auction: XXI** will also be on view, including timepieces by Voutilainen, F.P. Journe, Haldimann, and Philippe Dufour.

Chris Youé, Head of Perpetual, said, “Phillips has long championed independent watchmaking, recognising its vital role in shaping the future of horology. As a leader in showcasing independent watchmakers, Phillips continues to set the standard in highlighting groundbreaking talent. This exhibition reaffirms our commitment to supporting these visionary artisans, providing a platform for collectors to engage with their remarkable craftsmanship and pioneering innovations. We are also delighted to present a selection of watches from our forthcoming Geneva Watch Auction: XXI, showcasing the very best in independent watchmaking.”

Collectors and enthusiasts will have the rare opportunity to engage directly with these master artisans and explore their latest creations. This intimate exhibition offers a comprehensive exploration into the philosophies, technical mastery, and creative brilliance behind some of the most sought-after timepieces in contemporary horology.

Among the highlights, Raúl Pagès will present the Soberly Onyx and RP1 Régulateur à détente, highlighting his refined craftsmanship. Theo Auffret will bring his elegantly executed handmade tourbillons, a testament to Parisian watchmaking excellence. David Candaux will showcase his sculptural DC6 Titanium, a watch inspired by nature and the Vallée de Joux. Konstantin Chaykin, the mastermind behind the whimsical and technically intricate Joker Classic, Panda, Kolobok, and ThinKing, will be showcasing their signature creations. Finally, Charles Frodsham will

display their revered Double Impulse Chronometers, including a never-before-seen 18K rose gold edition making its debut at the exhibition.

Highlights from the Geneva Watch Auction: XXI

Phillips in Association with Bacs & Russo is delighted to present a selection of independent watchmaker highlights from The Geneva Watch Auction: XXI, taking place on 10 and 11 May 2025. Following a record-breaking 2024—where Phillips Watches surpassed US\$200 million in annual auction sales for the fourth consecutive year—the upcoming live sale reaffirms Phillips' position as the global leader in watch auctions. This Spring, The Geneva Watch Auction returns for the third time to Phillips' new Geneva venue, the Hotel President Geneva, showcasing an exceptional selection of rare and significant timepieces from the 20th and 21st centuries. Ahead of the auction, select highlights will embark on an international tour, beginning in London, where 20 watches by independent watchmakers will be exhibited alongside *Independent Spirit*. Following that the tour will continue to New York, Hong Kong, Dubai, Singapore, and Riyadh.

Alexandre Ghotbi, Head of Watches, Continental Europe & Middle East, said, “We are thrilled to showcase a selection of timepieces by independent watchmakers from The Geneva Watch Auction: XXI alongside the *Independent Spirit* exhibition. Horology is a world of intricate craftsmanship, where precision engineering meets artistic vision. At Phillips, we have long championed independent watchmakers and the groundbreaking innovation they bring to the industry. We look forward to celebrating their artistry through *Independent Spirit* and once again in our May auction, where their exceptional creations will take center stage.”



Voutilainen

A rare and sleek Vingt-8 platinum wristwatch with guilloché dial, and direct impulse dual wheel escapement
Estimate: CHF 80,000 - 100,000



F.P. Journe

An extremely rare tourbillon wristwatch with rubelite dial, constant force remontoire, power reserve and dead beat seconds from a limited edition of 20 pieces
Estimate: CHF 250,000 - 500,000



Haldimann

A mechanically superb and ultra rare platinum central tourbillon wristwatch
Estimate: CHF 70,000 - 140,000



Philippe Dufour

A stunning and unique pink gold wristwatch with butterfly wings marquetry dial
Estimate upon request

Exhibition: 13 - 15 March 2025

Viewing times: 10am - 6pm GMT

Location: 3rd Floor, 30 Berkeley Square, London, W1J 6EX

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Record-breaking prices include:

1. Paul Newman's Rolex "Paul Newman" Daytona reference 6239 (CHF 17,709,894 / US\$17,752,500) – New York Auction: Winning Icons – 26 October 2017 – Highest result ever achieved for any vintage wristwatch at auction.

2. Patek Philippe reference 1518 in stainless steel (CHF 11,020,000 / US\$11,112,020) – Geneva Watch Auction: FOUR – 12 November 2016 – Highest result ever achieved for a vintage Patek Philippe wristwatch at auction.

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