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SERIOUS pursuits

Auctions, antique fairs and diverting activities,
chosen by Gareth Wyn Davies



1 Balthus, *Le Vase Bleu*, 1963-64, Artcurial. See Things to Buy. 2 Joel Arthur Rosenthal, jade, coral, lapis lazuli and diamond earrings, Christie's New York. See Things to Buy. 3 Coromandel lacquered cabinet on stand, Chinese export, 18th-century, Dreweatts. See Things to Buy

THINGS TO SEE

Tate Britain's monumental portico on Millbank is ordinarily a sober testament to the Victorians' belief in the edifying power of art – until wintertime, that is. Then the gallery breaks out the fairy lights and that imposing Neoclassical façade comes over slightly more playful, like a maiden aunt tipsy on Tio Pepe. The fourth such outdoor installation is Chila Kumari Singh Burman's **REMEMBERING A BRAVE NEW WORLD**, a swirl of festive neon that mixes references to mythology, Bollywood, radical feminism and more. Catch it until **31 JANUARY** (details: tate.org.uk). Just in time to capitalise on the pre-you-know-what spending frenzy, **PADESIGNARTONLINE.COM** is a new permanent digital platform from the people behind the Pad art-and-design fairs. Remember now: a mid-century Botero dog sculpture is for life, not just Christmas.

THINGS TO DO

Follow yonder cursor to the **BETHLEHEM CULTURAL FESTIVAL** for diverse virtual delights, from nativity plays to Palestinian cooking, until **7 DECEMBER** (details: bethlehemculturalfestival.com). Doubtless William Morris would find much to admire at the Garden Museum's **BEAUTIFUL AND USEFUL** online craft fair – the name a nod to his injunction about what to have in 'your houses' – from **4-6 DECEMBER**, though sadly he never did say where he stood on macramé plant hangers, the subject of a Zoom workshop that weekend (details: gardenmuseum.org.uk).

THINGS TO BUY

Muse/model/socialite **BARBARA ALLEN DE KWIATKOWSKI** was a dame who lived – and shopped – expansively. How expansively becomes clear on **3, 8 AND 11 DECEMBER** when her effects star in *eight* separate Christie's auctions in New York (details: christies.com). Unsurprisingly there are Warhols aplenty, along with – the ideal stocking-filler – a 10ct diamond. Over in Paris, it's all-you-can-eat Bernard Buffet on **8-9 DECEMBER** when Artcurial sells a feast of works owned by dealer **MAURICE GARNIER**, the artist's chief champion. Finally, barrister Phillip Lucas's **HUGUENOT HOUSE** in Spitalfields is a world away from Babs de K's Upper East Side and the Rive Gauche of Garnier, but it's home to a collection no less remarkable. After 30 years of harvesting fine 17th- and 18th-century antiques – starting aged 13 – he's clearing the decks via a Dreweatts online auction on **9 DECEMBER**. 'The time has come,' he says, 'to take stock, or rather to pass some on' (details: dreweatts.com) ■

