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International Orders and Military Collectibles

Hermann Historica, International Auctions, is opening its autumn season at its new location, with an extended programme

Collectors can look forward to the large Autumn Auction at Hermann Historica, with almost 9000 objects, more than ever before, in the sales programme. In addition to the three catalogues dedicated to international orders and military history collectibles for the live and online auctions, the auction house's remaining areas of expertise fill an amazing further nine catalogues from antique arms and armour to works of art, antiquities and contemporary history. Our live auction takes place on 18 and 19 November, while our online auction is starting for the first time on Sunday, 24 November 2019.

Place your bids for the live auction in the saleroom, on the telephone, in writing or online via your computer, tablet or smartphone with an internet connection. Bids for the on-line auction may be submitted via the internet or in writing. Speaking of the internet: all objects will also be available on the well-known platforms Invaluable, Lot-tissimo, The Salesroom and LiveAuctioneers. To save the fees charged by these platforms, simply register on Hermann Historica's own online platform.

Not one but two complete collections and the usual wide range of high quality lots are being offered for sale in the catalogue of "International orders and military collectibles", along with a special catalogue, comprising some 1252 objects in all. Among the German military antiques, the Saxony chapter is one of the biggest draws due to the disposal of two large collections comprising almost 250 objects: rare helmets, weapons and items of uniform from the Electorate of Saxony, the Kingdom of Saxony as of 1806 and the remaining Saxon Duchies, and the Lengelsen collection of edged weapons, which offers a consistently exquisite, sought-after selection of 18th and 19th century weapons, with a focus on Brunswick and Hannover. Buyers will be interested in the exceptionally rare artefacts from military history. For example, a helmet M 1853 for officers of the ducal infantry is sure to impress with its lavishly gilt appliqué, enamelled medallion of the Saxe-Ernestine House Order and remarkably good state of preservation, given its age. This formidable piece is expected to fetch a minimum of 14,000 euros.



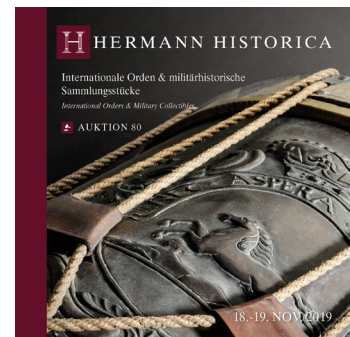
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The Imperial Army in Field Grey

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No less rare and also in excellent condition, is an M 1875 helmet for trumpeters of the Carabinier Regiment, in the issue from 1897 on. Made with a tombac skull as of 1875, this helmet is certain to coax an enthusiast into investing 7,000 euros. Next up, opening at 3,500 euros, is a hunting hanger, dated 1901, which was bestowed by King Albert of Saxony as a gift of honour. To commemorate the king's 73rd birthday, a limited series of the edged weapon, sporting the Saxon coat of arms, was made by W.K. & C of Solingen, which were then presented by the monarch.



Among the lots from beyond Saxony's borders, a supravest for officers of the Garde du Corps, in the issue of circa 1860, would grace any collection. With its distinguished provenance, namely the Royal House of Hannover, this particularly appealing piece looks set to change hands for 8,000 euros. Also worthy of note is the special catalogue accompanying the Lacey collection, whose 95 lots, every last one with uniforms or components thereof, are fittingly described in the title, "The imperial army in field grey".

Once again, the international military section also boasts an outstanding lineup. The magnificent ceremonial sabre that was presented to Major David Ogilvy in 1808 by the Brechin Volunteer Infantry Corps is of enormous historical significance for Scotland. Lavishly embellished with the royal coat of arms, goddesses, angels and putti, floral tendrils and the Prince of Wales's feathers, a large dedication cartouche on the reverse, the sabre is also resplendent in gilt. The Corps was founded in Angus in 1799, along with several others, in response to the fears of an invasion by France. Thus, the Corps is almost as significant as the recipient's clan, which has been one of Scotland's noblest families since the 14th century.



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For many years, the sale of memorabilia from the royal and imperial houses of Europe have attracted a great deal of attention. One prime example is lot number 4229, a coconut trophy fashioned with elaborate craftsmanship, with a splendid silver mounting and of tempting provenance: this trophy was presented to none other than the highly esteemed Empress Elisabeth of Austria (1837–1898), affectionately known as 'Sisi', by her exceedingly devoted cousin, King Ludwig II of Bavaria (1845 – 1886). Produced by the court purveyor "Wollenweber" of Munich, the mounting of .800 silver is inscribed with both cousins' monograms, surmounted by their respective imperial and royal crowns. Bids from 3,500 euros are welcome for this miniature masterpiece, 28 centimetres tall and weighing 490 grams. The parade of exceptional lots continues with a general's uniform worn by King Frederick VI of Denmark, Duke of Saxe-Lauenburg (1768 - 1839), circa 1814/20, which is valued at 14,000 euros. Featuring multiple trims, ostrich feathers, an unusually tall bicorne and numerous medals, the elaborate ensemble is probably the actual uniform worn by the monarch to the Congress of Vienna.



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The highlights in the orders section include a Bulgarian civilian order of merit, a badge of the Grand Cross with Diamonds. Instituted by Prince Ferdinand II of Bulgaria in 1891, the order of merit was sumptuously ornate in silver, enamel and gold, set with precious stones. However, the order was only awarded with Diamonds in very few cases. The new owner will have to part with a minimum of 15,000 euros for this bijou, which remains in original condition, complete with all its gemstones. For many years, the Order of St. Anna, here a Cross 1st Class with Crown, dated 1867, has attracted a great deal of interest. Most unusually, the decoration is enamelled in black rather than red. An absolutely first-class piece, which will doubtless command its asking price of 12,000 euros.



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More highlights from our auction:



Emperor Wilhelm II - his personal visor cap to his field grey uniform, ca. 1915

Lot 4537, Starting price € 3.000



King Frederick VI of Denmark, Duke of Saxe-Lauenburg - a general's uniform, ca. 1814/20

Lot 4009, Starting price € 14.000



A Russian St. Anna order, a Cross 1st Class with Swords, dated 1867.

Lot 3884, Starting price € 12.400



A supravest for officers of the Garde du Corps, in the issue of circa 1860

Lot 4505, Starting price € 8.000



An M 1907 helmet for enlisted men of the Gardereiter-Regiment

Lot 4990, Starting price € 5.000



Empress Elisabeth of Austria - a two-piece summer dress in salmon pink from Corfu

Lot 4219, Starting price € 9.500



A gold medal to commemorate the wedding of Princess Giovanna to Tsar Boris III of Bulgaria in Assisi in 1930

Lot 3855, Starting price € 3.000



A rare officer's dagger M 1798 of the Russian infantry, with engravings of the officers' names

Lot 4313, Starting price € 6.000



Porcelain from the Gothic service, Imperial Porcelain Manufactory St. Petersburg, reign of Tsar Nicholas I, ca. 1833/40

Lot 4366, Starting price € 3.000

The various objects are being offered for auction at the prices stated above. A premium amounting to 25% (incl. VAT) will be added to the final hammer price.

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