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### Sensational helmets in the live auction of Hermann Historica

The stage is set and the curtain is about to rise on **6 May 2023**. Hermann Historica is opening its doors for the next major live auction in Grasbrunn/Munich. Starting at 10 am, the hammer will be falling for just under 750 lots.

Once again, it is hard to select any individual highlights among the antiquities – all subchapters have a cornucopia of rarities and museum-grade masterpieces in store. Three fabulous pieces command attention in the military headgear section alone.



The Corinthian helmet is widely viewed as the epitome of Greek helmets. Its severe lines and clearly structured form give it a particularly formidable appearance. Next up, estimated at 38,000 euros, lot number 16 is a splendid example of the third development stage with features of the Lamia group. Dating from the last third of the 6th or the early 5th century B.C., this Corinthian helmet is in exceptionally good condition.

In addition, lot numbers 28 and 29, both unequalled artefacts from the Roman Empire, would take pride of place in any museum. Lot number 28 is a bronze helmet of Niederbieber type, dating from the 3rd century A.D. Bids from 25,000 euros are now invited for this helmet, whose skull has been hammered in one piece. Meanwhile, the crest helmet in iron with its associated shield boss is expected to fetch at least 35,000 euros.



A large, celadon-glazed vase from China (lot number 75) will not disappoint in the chapter of Asian art. Probably made in the 19th century, the receptacle is embellished with a delicate décor of geometric motifs and stylised foliage in relief. Offers from 2,000 euros are now welcome.

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The Art and antiques section also boasts a wealth of rare objects. Among the religious works of art, for example, Martin of Tours stands out in particular (lot number 269). Fully sculptured in oak, the beautiful, early 16th century figure from Antwerp will soon grace a new collection for 8,500 euros. However, a graceful coral statue of the Virgin Mary will also send the pulse of any art expert soaring (lot number 278). Made in Trapani/Italy, her naturalistic expression and the folds of her robes wrought in detail, the elaborate carving can now be acquired for 9,500 euros. St. Anthony of Padua (lot 386) will have buyers digging a little deeper into their pockets. The tall silver figure was probably designed by master craftsman Friedrich II. Schwesternmüller of Augsburg and has a limit of 14,000 euros (Silver section).



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Furthermore, lot 593 would take pride of place in any living room. The distinguished, late 16th century Renaissance cabinet from Innsbruck is an enthusiast's dream come true. The casket is adorned with marquetry in a variety of woods, depicting magnificent hunting scenes. The interior is fitted with twelve drawers and brass handles, flanking the central double doors. Behind which, an open compartment is hidden away, with three secret drawers on each side. Complete with the two original keys, this exquisite piece of furniture is valued at 12,000 euros.



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Lots 564 to 583 are also remarkable. This astonishing collection of large bowls and saucepans, superb frying pans and baking dishes, traditional Bundt pans and casseroles is sure to cause a flurry of excitement. Just looking at them is enough to transport you back to the bustling kitchen of a castle. Made of gleaming copper, the cooking utensils came from Marienburg Castle near Hannover, which seems to have been lifted straight from the pages of a fairy tale. Catalogue prices start at 400 euros and go up to 2,800 euros.

*Please note: all prices quoted are net guide prices and do not include the 25% premium (and VAT).*

The whole auction is taking place at the offices of Hermann Historica in Grasbrunn, near Munich, on **6 May and from 9 to 12 May.**

Why not browse through the Hermann Historica auction catalogues? They include detailed descriptions of all lots, along with numerous high-quality photographs. Please visit [www.hermann-historica.com](http://www.hermann-historica.com) for our free online catalogues and further information.

Moreover, you are cordially invited to inspect all objects in person at the offices of Hermann Historica in Grasbrunn, near Munich. The **pre-sale viewing** will take place from **Tuesday, 2 May to Friday, 5 May**, from 10 am to 5 pm every day. As usual, the Hermann Historica experts will be on hand to advise customers.

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