

CLASSIC DRIVER

Get your hands on a horological ‘Game Changer’ at Phillips in New York

Lead

Be it their influential original owners, their outstanding provenance and condition or their significance to the history of watchmaking, each of the 75 watches to be offered by Phillips on 10 December in New York are veritable ‘Game Changers’. These are our favourites...

Further cementing its place as the world’s premier auctioneer of fine vintage wristwatches, Phillips has curated an extraordinary catalogue of horological wonders for its forthcoming ‘Game Changers’ sale on 10 December in New York. Each watch, be it the 1971 Universal Genève Compax ‘Exotic Nina Rindt’ offered by its original owner (est. 10,000–20,000 USD) or the [‘missing’ Rolex GMT-Master worn by Marlon Brando in Apocalypse Now](#) (estimate on request), can be considered a game changer for its provenance, condition or simple influence on the watchmaking world.



Arguably the most desirable watch from the sale is the Rolex Day-Date that was gifted to the American gold legend Jack Nicklaus in 1967 and graced his wrist almost every day for the next 50 years. ‘The Golden Bear’, as he’s known in the golf world, wore the Rolex during 12 of his record 18 professional major championship titles and the watch has been photographed repeatedly over a span of five decades. Furthermore, the entire proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Nicklaus Children’s Health Care Foundation, which benefits children in need around the world. Understandably, its pre-sale estimate is available on request.



Elsewhere, the ‘previously unknown’ Patek Philippe perpetual calendar chronograph ref. 1518 in pink gold and with a pink dial (1.2–2.4m dollars) is an astounding piece of complicated watchmaking and a trophy for any serious collector. We also love the near-flawless yellow-gold Omega Speedmaster ref. 145.022, which was one of 1,000 pieces built in 1969 to commemorate Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin’s momentous first steps on the Moon (15,000–30,000 dollars). You can find our 12 highlights listed below or, alternatively, browse [the entire catalogue for Phillips’ Game Changers in the Classic Driver Market](#).

Our favourite ‘Game Changers’ from Phillips in New York

Gallery

Related auctions:
Phillips - Game Changers 2019
Source URL: <https://www.classicdriver.com/en/article/watches/get-your-hands-a-horological-game-changer-phillips-new-york>
© Classic Driver. All rights reserved.