

JEWELRY

Phillips to auction Turkish jeweler's bespoke work to support One Drop charity

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Phillips will offer this ring by Turkish jeweler Sevan Bak in its Dec. 9 jewels auction in New York, with the net proceeds going to water charity One Drop. Image courtesy of One Drop

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Auction house Phillips will offer an exclusive jewelry lot designed by jeweler Sevan Bak, to benefit the One Drop Foundation, a charity created by Cirque du Soleil founder Guy Lalibert.

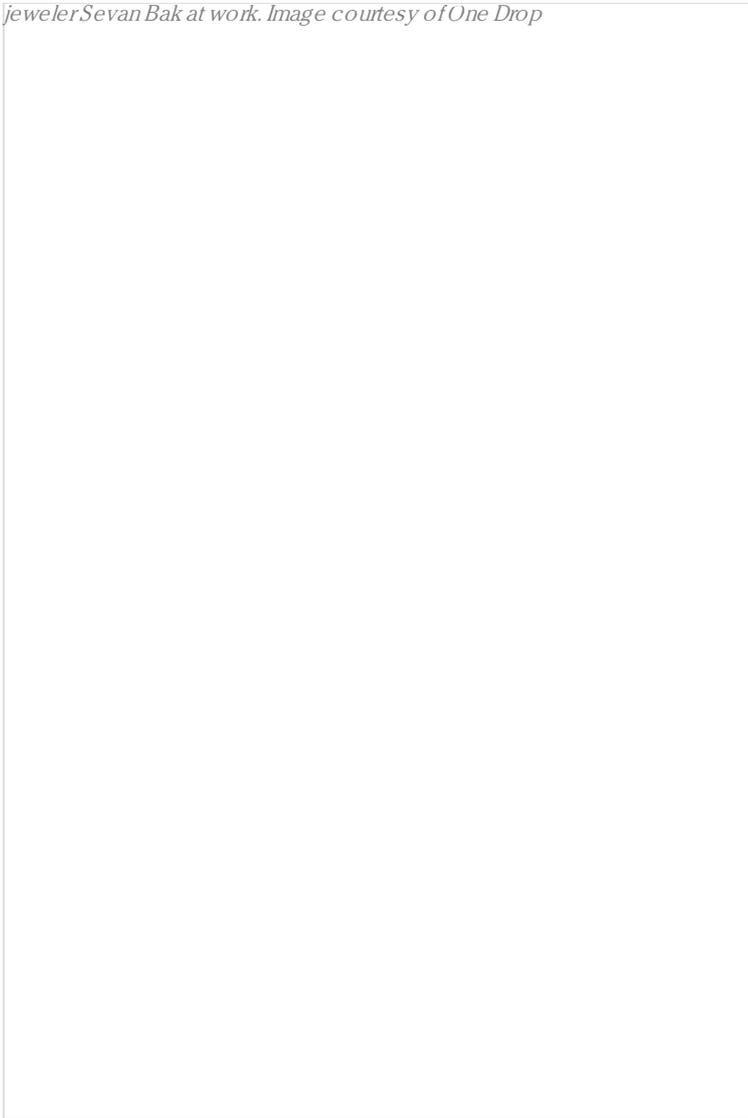
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Part of Phillips' jewels auction in New York, the lot includes ring with reverse intaglio carving by craftsman Sevan Bak, a drawing of the masterpiece, a private meeting with the artist for a tour of his workshop located near Istanbul's Grand Bazaar, a visit of the architectural landmarks that have inspired his work, and an exclusive invitation to Mr. Bak's private yacht for a Bosphorus cruise tour.

Water access

The ring was inspired by the title of a popular Turkish song from the 1980s, "Yagdir Mevlam Su" (Oh Lord, Let It Rain). The ring depicts the intricate architecture of Istanbul, which plays a significant role in Mr. Bak's artistic identity.

jeweler Sevan Bak at work. Image courtesy of One Drop



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This lot will be included alongside a selection of jewels in **Phillips' auction** available for global bidding.

In addition to New York, Phillips holds its jewels auction in Hong Kong as well, making it a twice-yearly event.

One Drop's mission is to ensure sustainable access to water and sanitation for the most vulnerable communities through innovative partnerships, creativity and the power of art.

One Drop's most recent collaboration with Phillips was the Art for One Drop signature auction held in New York in September 2018. It raised \$8.7 million for safe water access in Latin America, setting a new fundraising record for One Drop.

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