

ENAMEL WATCHES

ARTSY HOROLOGY

SINCE EARLY DAYS, HAND PAINTED DIALS HAVE BEEN LOVED BY HOROLOGICAL COLLECTORS AND CONSIDERED THE ULTIMATE LUXURY OF HIGH-END WATCHES. ENAMEL AND CLOISSONNE BRING IMPRESSIVE AUCTION RESULTS.

1. SVEND ANDERSEN POKER WATCH

Geneva-based Danish master watchmaker Svend Andersen is no novice in painted dials. Andersen has been the master of erotic watches for several decades, but has moved from nudity to the poker game of famed painter Cassius Marcellus Coolidge for the top of the 2008 Montre A Tact Poker watch. The concept for the Montre

to cover the dice with the cups. This hand-painted minute repeater mechanism was created by automaton genius Francois Junod.

3. ALAIN SILBERSTEIN TOURBILLON MARINE BLACK SEA

French creative watchmaker, Alain Silberstein, has always been renowned for a different approach towards luxury horology. His Art Collection is no exception with hand painted half-skeleton dials and matching rubber straps. Silberstein even fitted a tourbillon in these artistic watches and repeats his almost signature-style way of interpreting time. The Tourbillon d'Art Collection is only produced in 500 pieces and truly rare and unique.

4. ULYSSE NARDIN ACHILLE

HMS Achille was the fourth Royal Navy ship bearing the name of the Greek hero Achilles. The 74-gun frigate was captained by Richard King during the Battle of Trafalgar with Lord Nelson as commander. Ulysse Nardin chose this very frigate as the illustration on the cloisonné enamel dial of the watch that bears the same name. Each individual cloisonné dial requires over a metre of fine gold wire, 30 baking processes and well over 80 working hours to create.

a Tact shows the time without moving one's hands in an obviously-impatient manner.

2. DANIEL ROTH IL GIOCATORE VENEZIANO

This rare one-of-a-kind Daniel Roth model offers a minute repeater that plays with the dice of the dial. Each hand of the illustrated figure, inspired by the Italian painter Caravaggio's masterpiece 'The Card Players', moves



5. PATEK PHILIPPE CALATRAVA WORLDTIMER

The World Time watch, one of Patek Philippe's emblematic complications, is particularly coveted by collectors, as are the famous and rare 1940s and 1950s models. Patek has acknowledged this popularity with the introduction of the 2008 Calatrava Worldtimer. The dial has a cloisonné enamel illustration of the world and only very few of this cosmopolitan watch will be made every year, insuring impressive future auction results for the next generation.

6. JAEGER-LECOULTRE REVERSO ECLIPSE

The twin-sided Reverso is a perfect palette for fine art and Jaeger-LeCoultre have mastered the art of reversal since the early days of their most famous watch. The Eclipse series offers four different hand-painted enamel dials inspired by Art Deco nudes.

7. PIAGET PROTOCOLE XXL PARIS

What other city than Paris should be portrayed when talking about the art of painting? Artists galore have swarmed to the city for several hundred years and it is probably one of the most frequently-illustrated cities. Piaget, too, are masters of decoration and illustration and the Protocole XXL Paris is no exception, showing both the Arc De Triomphe and the Tour D'Eiffel on the dial as well as the case.

8. VACHERON CONSTANTIN MÉTIERS D'ART

The Métiers d'art watch is a vivid expression of the passionate relationship Vacheron Constantin has always cultivated with the decorative arts. The four faces of this symbol-laden creation provide a refined representation of the four seasons. Presented and sold as a boxed set of four watches, Vacheron Constantin promised a new set each year up to 2009.

9. CORUM CLASSICAL GARDEN BIRD

A true work of art, the Classical Garden Bird is inspired by the graceful travels of a humming bird that flies from flower to flower. This hand-painted miniature on mother-of-pearl is elegantly framed in a 40-mm, 18-carat gold case and, like the other members of the Corum Artisan timepiece collection, is limited to 50 pieces.

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