



## Fine Art & Antiques (FA120920)

Sat, 12th Sep 2020

### Viewing:

Thursday 10th 10am-7pm &

Friday 11th 9am-7pm

## Lot 1312

**Estimate:** £12000 - £18000 + Fees

**A silver mounted wild boar's tusk cigar-cutter, marked Fabergé, St Petersburg 1908-1917, and bearing workmasters mark for Julius Rappaport (IP), the tusk mounted onto a realistically chased silver boar's head set with cabochon garnet eyes and issuing silver leaf and acorn trailing decoration along most of the tusk's length, with hinged jaw action and cutter in the snout, bearing further silver plaque inscription in Cyrillic for Prince Felix Felixovich Yusupov (Кн. Ф. Ф. Юсупов) in remembrance of a successful days hunt in 1912, length 29cm, in original fitted silk and velvet lined wooden case with engraved silver latch, the lid interior stamped with the Imperial warrant 'Fabergé Moscow St Petersburg Odessa', case w.34cm, h.12.5cm, d.22.5cm**

*Provenance: ex-lot 62 in Christie's Objets Russes et Fabergé auction, Geneva, 16 November 1988.*

The aristocratic and immensely wealthy Yusupov family had a long-standing relationship with the Fabergé firm and commissioned several pieces from workmaster Julius Rappaport in particular; who was best known for his naturalistic animal figures. Prince Felix Yusupov is most famous for his role in the assassination of nefarious influencer Rasputin, which took place in the Yusupov's Moika Palace in December 1916. After the revolution, much of the Yusupov family's treasures were nationalised and sold by the state or housed in museums. Today Moika Palace serves as a "Palace of Culture for Educators" and operates as a museum, while the Yusupov's Fabergé egg is owned by the Sandoz Foundation in Switzerland.

### Condition Report

Tusk with some stains, otherwise good condition.

Silver all good and complete, no apparent repairs.

Action good.

Marks good.

Box grubby, faded and scuffed, but complete.

Hinge good and all original.

**Condition reports must be considered as a matter of opinion and not fact.**