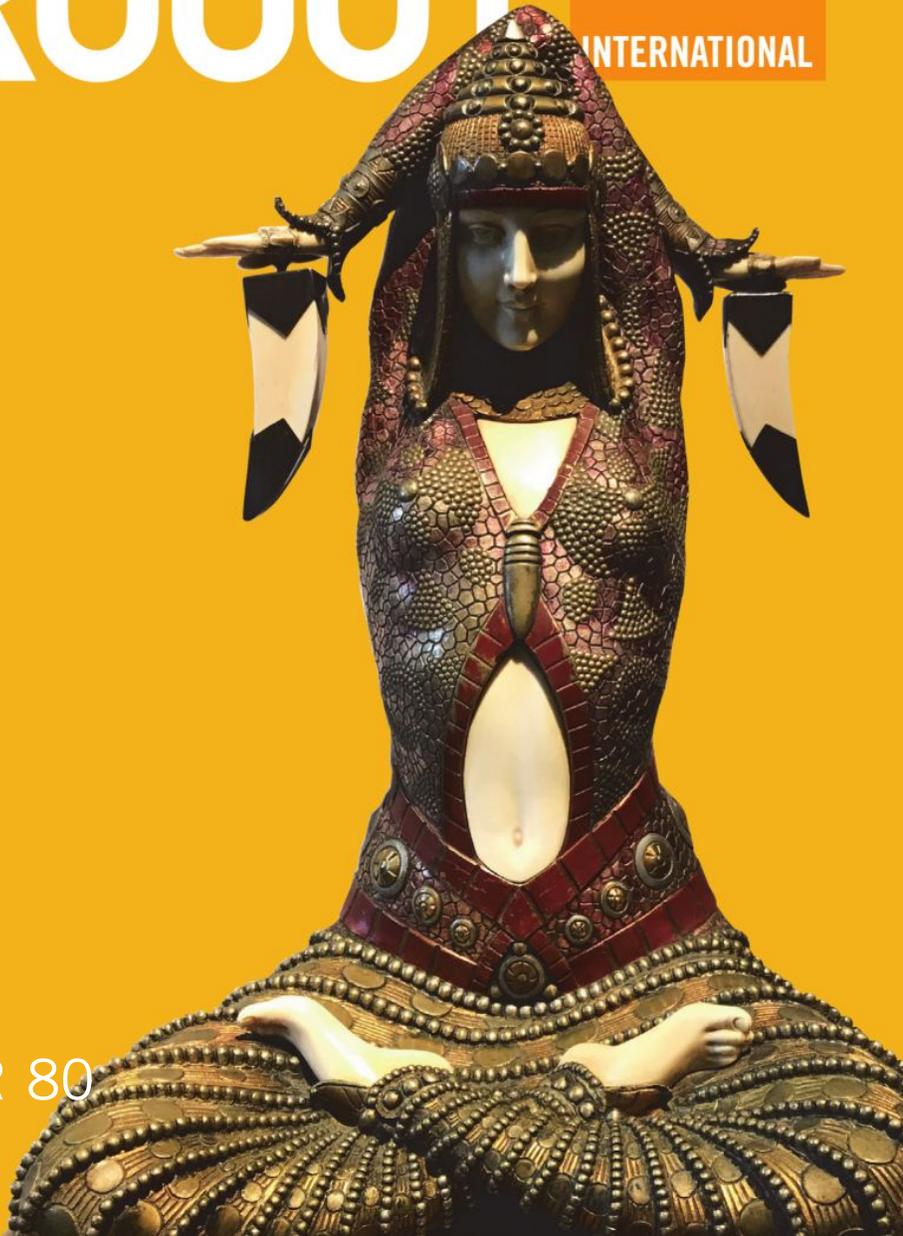


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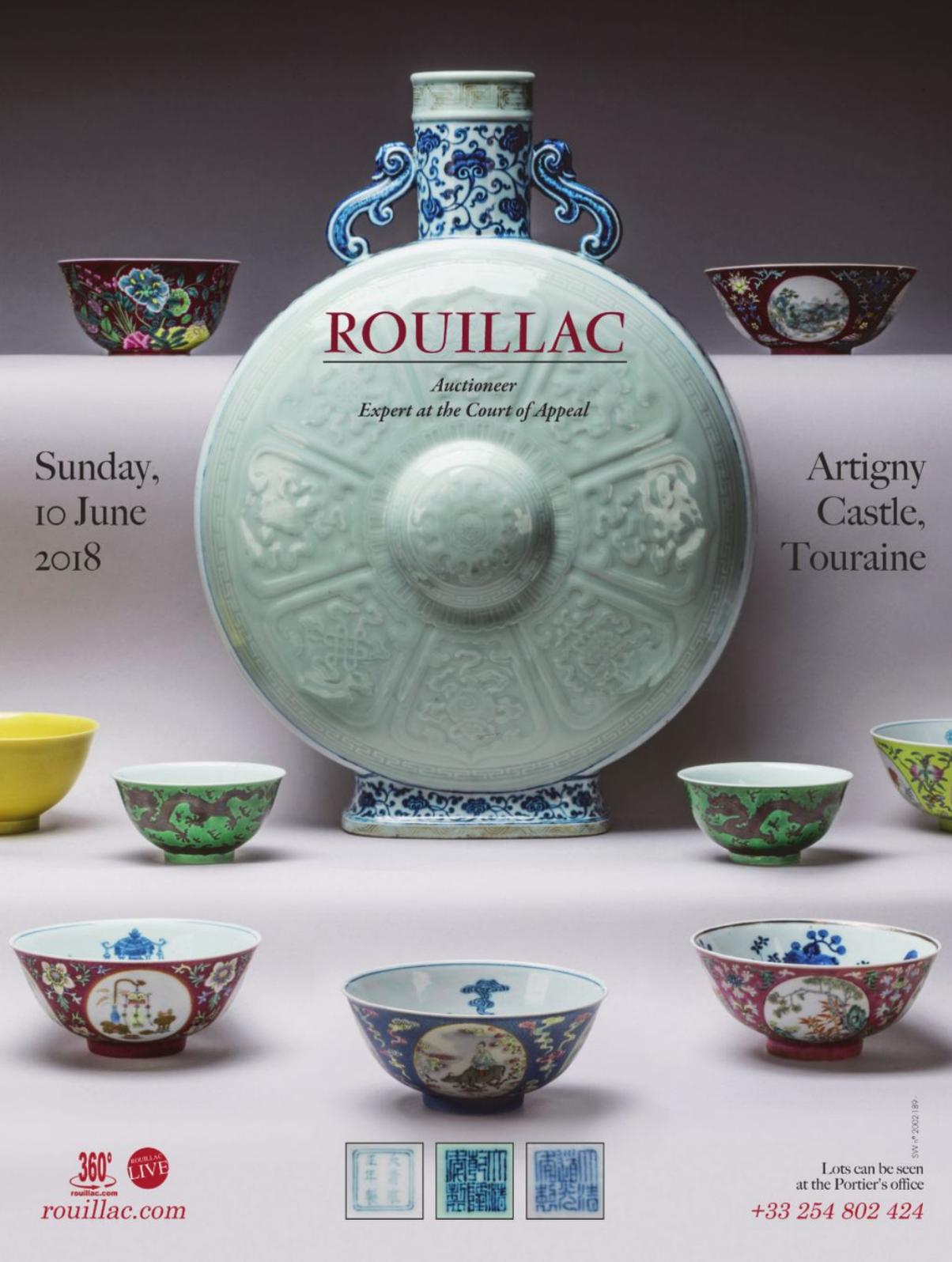


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Emmanuel Macron is not the only one seeking to spread the good word to the US. More than a century earlier, in a totally different sphere from free trade (and then again...), Mary Cassatt worked to promote a burgeoning Impressionism there, aided by the Paris dealer Paul Durand Ruel. Born in Pennsylvania, the "painter of mothers and children" chose to live in the French capital, only returning to her native America for brief stays, when she galvanised her powerful network to support Degas and Monet in particular. Paris finally pays tribute to her with an exhibition at the Musée Jacquemart-André, curated by a Franco-American duo. On the other side of the "pond", two European fairs, the UK's Frieze and TEFAF from the Netherlands, will be calling the tunes in the New York art market. Making the trip the other way, a pair of young contemporary art gallery owners, based until now in Los Angeles, have landed in Paris to open a second gallery. Meanwhile, the events of May 68, which France is poised to commemorate in exhibitions and the auction room, struck fear at the time as far away as Berkeley University. So it seems that the Old and New Worlds still have things to talk about... culturally speaking, at least.

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## Garden party at Qianlong's

As every year with the approach of summer, the Château d'Artigny in the Val de Loire makes ready to host the now famous garden party staged by the Rouillac auction house. The star of this 30th edition is a group of porcelains brought back from China in the 19th century by a French Navy officer - "a major historical figure", we are told. They consist of twelve bowls (€20,000/50,000 per piece) and a gourd bearing the stamp of the Qianlong Emperor (see photo). Estimated at €600,000/800,000, this is "outstanding" for its size (50 cm) and the technical sophistication that went into its production (combining a white-blue porcelain background with celadon medallions): the kind that really fires up enthusiasts of the former Middle Kingdom. In this two-day sale, they will be accompanied by a series of fifteen paintings by Boucher (€400,000/600,000), a stag by Rembrandt Bugatti (€100,000) and furniture belonging to Balzac (€100,000). The lawn should be pretty crowded...

! Touraine, Château d'Artigny, Rouillac auction house.

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## A fine pedigree

A painting with a famous signature lurks among the many lots of this outstanding sale. Exhibited in the 1824 Salon under the title "Un enfant donnant à manger" (45.2 x 36.1 cm, €120,000/150,000), this oil on canvas by Théodore Géricault (1791-1824) once again illustrates the artist's passion for horses – all horses, from noble stallions to old nags. At the end of his career he tended to paint them in a farming environment, as here. This picture belonged to one Mr Schickler, who bought it in 1823 from Colonel Bro, himself the owner of the building where Géricault had set up his studio. Fernand de Schickler (1835-1909) inherited it, and probably gave it to his sister, the wife of Louis Napoléon Suchet, second Duke of Albufera. Their son, Raoul Napoléon, the third Duke, could have inherited it.

! Paris, Hôtel Drouot, Beaussant Lefèvre auction house.

