

# We do nothing by halves

*Hermann Historica Auctioneers are going to sell a whole museum*

**HERMANN HISTORICA** is one of the leading auction houses for antiquities, antique arms and armour, firearms, hunting collectibles, orders and decorations as well as objects of military history.

In its spacious central location Hermann Historica oHG annually conducts at least two auction sales offering approx. 10,000 collectors' items with a total turnover of more than 10,000,000 €.

The beginnings of Hermann Historica oHG reach back almost 50 years to the auctions of Count Erich Klenau of Klenova, Baron of Janowitz, who around 1960 started to offer also "Orders and Decorations" as well as "Objects of Military History" in his well-established coin auctions.

In the early 1970s, today's co-owner Wolfgang Hermann began to extend the range of objects offered in the sales of Graf Klenau oHG to "Antique Arms and Armour", which, owing to the extensive offerings, thoroughly researched descriptions and elaborately designed catalogues soon secured the company a firm entry in the datebooks of important international collectors, museums and public collections.



**Part of the Museum's Display presenting Dress Uniforms, Flight Suits and Equipment used by the U.S. Air Force during WWII.**

In 1982 Wolfgang Hermann and Ernst Ludwig Wagner took over the company, named it Hermann Historica oHG and on March 6 of that year conducted their first auction sale. In the years to follow, Peter Wagner, Franz Hermann and Thomas Rief also became partners.

Today, Messrs. Hermann Historica can look back on a number of remarkable auctions of which particularly those dispersing complete collections stand out: the famous 1996 sale of the hunting treasures of Castle Fuschl in Salzburg, the 1997 liquidation of the Numbrecht Museum of Historical Technology, the 2002 and 2005 sale of the Axel Guttman Collection of Antique Arms and Armour, or the worldwide biggest auction of "Children's Dreams on Wheels", the pedal cars of

the Centre of Extraordinary Museums in Munich in 2004 and 2005. Numerous objects from the former estates of Royal Houses, notably those of Germany and Austria, continue to attract international attention.

Considerable international media interest had been generated from record prices such as a remarkable € 150,000 result for Hitler's desk lamp from his office at the Berlin Reichskanzlei in Oct. 2000, a € 520,000 hammer price for a female fetish figure of the African Fang people of Gabon catalogued in April 2007, or the € 60,000 total spent on a helmet for the Mexican palace guard (circa 1865) by an online bidder on the occasion of the first Internet Live Auction hosted on the auctioneers' own web site in Oct. 2007.

## **JUNE 2008 WILL BE ONE MORE DATE TO REMEMBER:**

Hermann Historica will have the privilege of selling the entire collection of the Poche de Royan Museum 1944/1945. The museum houses an almost unique collection on the British, French, German and US armed forces, comprising armaments, fully uniformed mannequins, artefacts and vehicles, ranging from "The German Bicycle" to the tank from the 2nd armoured tank division.



**French tank in front of the Poche de Royan Museum**