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PRESS RELEASE

**Phillips in Association with Bacs & Russo is delighted to announce:**

## **“INDEPENDENTS’ DAY”**

### **The Legacy of George Daniels A Celebration of Independent Watchmaking**

**A Non-Selling Retrospective Exhibition Presenting Some of the Most Incredible  
Horological Works of Art by Independent Watchmakers of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century**



The George Daniels Anniversary watch 24/35

GENEVA – 8 APRIL 2019 – Phillips in Association with Bacs & Russo is honoured to host a captivating and never seen before horological exhibition in Geneva, that pays tribute to the most talented master watchmaker of the 20<sup>th</sup> century: Dr. **George Daniels**. The exhibition further supports an exceptional event in itself, the sale of two masterpieces from George Daniels: The Grand Complication pocket watch and the Anniversary wristwatch, both part of a hand curated selection of independent makers offered at auction by Phillips on May 11, 2019 at [Geneva Watch Auction: NINE](#) under the section Independents’ Atelier.

**“Independents’ Day” The Legacy of George Daniels, a celebration of independent watchmaking** is a one-of-a-kind exhibition, **open to the public**, that gives a unique occasion to view masterworks by thirteen independent watchmakers gathered in one place. This will be the first time ever these watchmakers and watches will be united under one roof and

a truly exceptional opportunity for any watch aficionado to plunge into the world of fine watchmaking, by seizing the importance of Daniels' extreme capacity to inspire, by his undisputed genius, future generations of watchmakers.

**Exclusively held in Geneva**, the *Independents' Day* exhibition will take place from May 9 to 12 at Hôtel La Réserve, showcased alongside the timepieces of **Geneva Watch Auction: NINE**.

The exhibition will present horological masterworks from: **AKRIVIA, LOUIS COTTIER, DE BETHUNE, PHILIPPE DUFOUR, LAURENT FERRIER, CHARLES FRODSHAM, GREUBEL FORSEY, F.-P. JOURNE, MB&F, DEREK PRATT for URBAN JURGENSEN, ROGER W. SMITH, URWERK, KARI VOUTILAINEN**

As a one-time opportunity, *Independents' Day* will offer on view some of the most impressive masterworks of the 20<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>th</sup> centuries, including:

Philippe Dufour's tryptic: Simplicity, Duality and Grande Sonnerie, unique timepieces by F.-P. Journe, exclusive prototypes by Charles Frodsham, the incredible worldtime wristwatch prototype by Louis Cottier, the Oval Tourbillon with detent escapement by Derek Pratt for Urban Jürgensen and Kari Voutilainen's first tourbillon pocket watch

The watchmakers will be present during the exhibition to meet and greet enthusiasts and collectors. Small discussion sessions with the watchmakers will be held throughout the exhibition period (upon registration) as well as a panel discussion on Friday May 10 at 6.30pm CET.

As the current market leader for vintage and contemporary watches, Phillips further pursues its mission, proposing rare and original timepieces at auction, but also confirming its expanded role as a supporter and ambassador for the entire watch industry. In doing so Phillips will regularly continue to propose unprecedented exhibitions of the same type in the years to come.

Images can be downloaded here: [Independents' Day imagery](#)

Please use the following hashtag on social networks: **#IndependentsDay**

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Taipei City 110

##### **Hong-Kong: March 30 to April 2**

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Central Hong Kong

##### **Los Angeles: April 8 & 9**

7017 Melrose Avenue,  
Los Angeles, CA 90038

##### **New-York: April 12 to 15**

Phillips Office  
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New York NY 10022

##### **London: April 25 to 28**

Phillips HQ Office  
30 Berkeley Square  
London W1J 6EX

**Geneva: May 9 to 12** – including *independent's Day* exhibition  
Hôtel La Réserve

Bellevue  
Geneva

## AUCTION CALENDAR

The Geneva Watch Auction: NINE part 1, Saturday 11 May | 5pm

The Geneva Watch Auction: NINE part 2, Sunday 12 May | 5pm

Location : Hôtel La Réserve, Bellevue, Geneva

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### ABOUT PHILLIPS IN ASSOCIATION WITH BACS & RUSSO

The team of specialists at Phillips Watches is dedicated to an uncompromised approach to quality, transparency, and client service, achieving a sale total of \$ 108 million in 2018 – its third consecutive year as the worldwide market leader in watch auctions.

A selection of our recent record-breaking prices:

1. Paul Newman's Rolex "Paul Newman" Daytona reference 6239 (CHF 17,709,894/US\$17,752,500) – New York Auction: Winning Icons – 26 October 2017 – Highest result ever achieved for any wristwatch at auction.
2. Patek Philippe reference 1518 in stainless steel (CHF 11,020,000 /US\$11,112,020) – Geneva Watch Auction: FOUR – 12 November 2016 – Highest result ever achieved for a Patek Philippe wristwatch at auction.

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