



Vintage Amethyst, Diamond, Pearl and Platinum Earrings, Circa 1960 £11,000.00

A pair of vintage amethyst, diamond, pearl and platinum earrings, topped with old-cut diamonds, in a design of flower buds and leaves, with millegrain edges, suspending a pearl fringe and cabochon pear shape amethyst pendant drops, mounted in platinum, with white gold, screw back fittings, for non pierced ears, circa 1960. The estimated amethyst weight is 25.00 carat each. The estimated total weight of the diamonds is 1.30 carats, our opinion of the colour is H and our opinion of the clarity is SI.

Some of the earliest examples of amethyst jewellery are seen in works from Egypt. The ancient Greeks believed amethyst protected them from drunkenness and excess. The name derives from the Greek amethystos - "methustos" meaning intoxicated, with the prefix "a" meaning "not". It is thought the myth stems from the story of the titan Rhea giving Dionysus, the god of wine and madness, an amethyst to protect him. Amethyst is also known as the stone of St. Valentine, leading to the belief that it represented pure, chaste love. Until the 1700s Amethyst was seen as one of the cardinal gemstones, which were the most valuable gems and ranked in value amongst sapphire, ruby and emerald. It was especially popular during the Victorian period, with its rich purple colour and clarity being particularly effective in candlelight. Today its beautiful, vivid purple shades are highly sought after by gem collectors.

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Approximate weight: 19.5 grams

Period	1960s
Style	Vintage

Condition	Good
Materials	Platinum
Main Gemstone	Amethyst
Main Gemstone Cut	Cabochon Cut
Main Gemstone Carat	50.00cts
Dimensions	Length 58.7mm, width 13.3mm
Secondary Gemstone	Diamond
Secondary Gemstone Carat	1.30cts
Secondary Gemstone Cut	Old Cut
Secondary Gemstone Clarity	SI
Secondary Diamond Colour	H

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