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**CHRISTIE'S FALL 20TH CENTURY DECORATIVE ART & DESIGN
AUCTIONS RESULTS EXCEED EXPECTATIONS**

**THREE SALES TOTAL \$15,484,463 – A 70% INCREASE OVER
FALL 2008 TOTALS**

New York - The total of the New York 20th Century Decorative Art & Design auctions this Fall at Christie's was \$15,484,463 an increase of 70% over the Fall 2008 (\$9,104,625) results, with 85% of lots sold on December 8 across a trio of sales: *Important 20th Century Decorative Art & Design*, *Magnificent Tiffany Featuring The Gluck Collection* and *Historical Design Reflects: The East 61st Street Years*.

Philippe Garner, International Head of 20th Century Decorative Art & Design, commented: *"It has been an extraordinary year for Christie's 20th Century Decorative Art & Design Department, beginning with the landmark Yves Saint Laurent and Pierre Bergé Decorative Arts auction in Paris, which set the tone for the successful sales that followed. We are pleased to conclude 2009 with a total of \$15.5 million for today's three auctions in New York. These sophisticated and well-edited sales were led by a rare and exquisite Elaborate Peony lamp from Tiffany Studios, which brought an outstanding price of \$1,538,500. The saleroom atmosphere was positively electric throughout the day and international telephone and internet bidding drove prices skyward. We were particularly pleased by the consistently exceptional results achieved for the collection of sublime sculptural works by the gifted creative couple François-Xavier and Claude Lalanne, and by the superb price achieved for the occasional table by Carlo Mollino."*

Important 20th Century Decorative Art & Design brought \$7,826,125 and sold 94% by value and 78% by lot. The sale featured the largest single-owner collection of works by François-Xavier and Claude Lalanne to come to auction, and was led by an important ebonized wood and glass occasional table by Carlo Mollino, which fetched \$602,500. Works by François-Xavier and Claude Lalanne dominated the auction with top lots including a 'Gingko' aluminum table and a Crocodile bench by Claude Lalanne, which sold respectively for \$482,500 each, and a pair of 'Oiseaux de Marbre' chairs François-Xavier Lalanne that realized \$302,500. The 52 Lalanne works presented in the sale achieved \$5.2 million against a pre-sale estimate of \$1.9-\$2.9 million.

Magnificent Tiffany Featuring The Gluck Collection achieved \$6,898,775 and sold 92% by value and 84% by lot. The top lot of the sale was an extraordinary 'Elaborate Peony' lamp from the Gluck Collection, which achieved \$1,538,500. This model was produced for a very limited time by Tiffany Studios (about 1913-1920) and its rarity and beauty make it a coveted piece today by collectors and decorative art lovers alike. Among the other highlights was a glorious 'Dragonfly lamp', circa 1900 on a mosaic base, which realized \$602,500 and a 'Trumpet Creeper' table lamp from circa 1905, which sold for \$794,500. The four fragments of the original mosaic sign that adorned the exterior of the prominent Tiffany showrooms sold comprehensively for \$135,000.

Historical Design Reflects: The East 61st Street Years totaled \$759,563 and was 78% sold by value and 89% sold by lot. The top lot was a repoussé brass and nickled-metal five-panel Oasis screen after a design by Edgar Brandt, which realized \$68,500.

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