

**CHRISTIE'S**  
**Valuable Manuscripts and Printed Books**  
 London – Tuesday, 24 November 2009  
 Sale no: 7760 – Top Three  
 [All sold prices include buyer's premium]

<b>Sold:</b>	<b>£ 1,283,850</b>	<b>\$2,120,920</b>	<b>€1,421,223</b>
Lots Sold: 48	Lots Offered: 75	Sold by Lot: 64%	Sold by £: 61%
Exchange Rate: £ := \$1.652 / €1.107			

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Purchase Price	Buyer
5	Petrarch (1304-1374), <i>Il Canzoniere</i> and <i>I Trionfi</i> ; Leonardo Bruni (1369-1444), <i>Vita di Petrarca</i> ; Petrarch, <i>Nota de Laura</i> , in Italian, Illuminated Manuscript on Vellum	300,000 - 400,000	£349,250 \$576,961 €386,620	Trade
48	Darwin, Charles (1809-1882). <i>On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection</i> . London: W. Clowes and Sons for John Murray, 1859.	40,000 - 60,000	£103,250 \$170,569 €114,298	Anonymous
44	BARTOLOMMEO DALLI SONETTI. <i>Isolario</i> . [Venice: Guilelmus Anima Mia, Tridinensis, ca. 1485/86].	35,000 - 55,000	£91,250 \$150,745 €101,014	Trade

**Comment: Margaret Ford, Director and Head of Books and Manuscripts, Christie's London:** "How gratifying that love poems written by Petrarch for his Laura, illuminated for the Visconti, was today's top lot. It was joined by a near-record price for Darwin's Origin of Species, sold on the 150th anniversary of its publication. We look forward to a sale including fine botanical and illustrated books on 9 December at Christie's, King Street."

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