

CHRISTIE'S

CENTURIES OF STYLE:

Silver, European Ceramics, Portrait Miniatures and Gold Boxes

London – Tuesday, 17 November 2009

Sale no: 7800 – Top Ten

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

Sold:	£3,551,425	\$5,973,497	€3,995,353
Lots Sold: 309	Lots Offered: 424	Sold by Lot: 73%	Sold by £: 83%
Exchange Rate £:= \$1.682 / €1.125			

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Purchase Price	Buyer
279	An important Prussian Rococo enamelled gold box, by Daniel Baudesson (1716-1785), marked, Berlin, 1758, with the Berlin bear mark WORLD RECORD PRICE FOR A GOLD BOX BY DANIEL BAUDESSON AT AUCTION	150,000-200,000	£657,250 \$1,105,495 €739,406	Anonymous
280	An important Saxon gold-mounted 'stein-cabinet' snuff-box, by Johann-Christian Neuber (1736-1808), Dresden, <i>circa</i> 1775/1790	120,000-180,000	£289,250 \$486,519 €325,406	European Trade
232	An important Edward VI silver-gilt mounted Rhenish salt-glazed 'tigerware' jug, London, 1550	50,000-80,000	£175,250 \$294,771 €197,156	European Private
278	The Tredegar Gold Cup A George III gold two-handed cup and cover, mark of Gabriel Wirgman, London, 1782	100,000-150,000	£97,250 \$163,575 €109,406	European Private
277	The Hamilton-Beckford Candlesticks A highly important pair of George III silver-gilt candlesticks after a Roman 1 st century bronze lampstand, mark of Charles Aldridge, London, 1787	60,000-80,000	£91,250 \$153,483 €102,656	UK Trade
42	A Meissen <i>goldchinesen</i> composite part tea and coffee-service, the porcelain <i>circa</i> 1725	25,000-40,000	£67,250 \$113,115 €75,656	Anonymous
362	A pair of George IV silver four-light candelabra, mark of Benjamin Smith, London, 1822 and 1823	40,000-60,000	£58,850 \$98,986 €66,206	UK Trade
363	A Victorian silver testimonial-centrepiece, mark of John Samuel Hunt, London, 1846	20,000-30,000	£43,250 \$72,747 €48,656	UK Trade
419	A pair of Danish five-light candelabra designed by Georg Jensen, mark of Georg Jensen, Copenhagen, 2002 and 2003	30,000-50,000	£43,250 \$72,747 €48,656	European Private
17	A German silver-gilt cup formed as a rearing horse, mark of Erhard Ellers, Torgau, <i>circa</i> 1670	20,000-30,000	£32,450 \$54,581 €36,506	European Private
423	A pair of Danish five-light candelabra designed by Johan Rohde, mark of Georg Jensen, Copenhagen, 1945-1977	20,000-30,000	£32,450 \$54,581 €36,506	European Trade

Comment: Jo Langston, Head of Portrait Miniatures and Gold Boxes, Harry Williams-Bulkeley, Head of Silver and Rodney Woolley, Head of Porcelain:

“The highlight of the sale was the exquisite German gold snuff-box by Daniel Baudesson which sold for £657,250, demonstrating the appetite for pieces of the greatest quality and rarity. This was also shown by the prices achieved for the Edward VI silver-gilt mounted Tigerware jug, the Hamilton-Beckford candlesticks and the two collections of Sèvres porcelain. Many of the top lots were sold in the room after spirited bidding against the telephones and the internet. Hardstone boxes also proved particularly popular, as did Italian maiolica, Meissen and 20th century silver by Georg Jensen. There was also significant demand for portrait miniatures, particularly for historical sitters.”

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