MONET, PICASSO, AND KANDINSKY LEAD CHRISTIE'S AUCTIONS OF IMPRESSIONIST & MODERN ART

NOVEMBER 16 EVENING SALE TO HIGHLIGHT BLUE CHIP ARTISTS AND FRESH-TO-MARKET WORKS

PUBLIC EXHIBITON OPENS NOVEMBER 5-16







LEFT: Claude Monet (1840-1926), *Meule*, 1891 (Estimate on Request)
CENTER: Pablo Picasso (1881-1973), *Buste de femme (Dora Maar)*, 1938 (estimate: \$18,000,000-25,000,000)
RIGHT: Wassily Kandinsky (1866-1944), *Rigide et courbé*, 1935 (estimate: \$18,000,000-25,000,000)

New York – Christie's is pleased to announce complete details of its upcoming *Evening Sale* of Impressionist & Modern Art on November 16. Forty-nine works by the major artists of the era, including Wassily Kandinsky, Pablo Picasso, Claude Monet, Chaim Soutine, Paul Cézanne, among others. The evening sale is expected to achieve in excess of \$200 million.

Brooke Lampley, Christie's Head of Impressionist and Modern Art, New York, remarked: "This sale constitutes an exceptional line-up of masterpieces and fresh to market gems perfectly suited to collectors' taste. From Monet to Kandinsky, Cézanne to Matisse, and a great range of works by Picasso, all of the sought after artists of the period are well represented in this sale, with offerings at every price level."

As was previously announced, highlights of the sale include <u>Wassily Kandinsky's Rigide et courbé</u> (Rigid and Curved) (estimate: \$18-25 million), undoubtedly the most important Paris period painting by Kandinsky to ever appear on the market; <u>Claude Monet's Meule (Grainstack)</u> (estimate on request), one of the culminating and finest examples of Monet's <u>Grainstack</u> series; and Christie's are thrilled to announce the sale of <u>Chaim Soutine's Le garçon d'étage</u> (estimate: \$6-9 million), a prime example from the artist's great series of Parisian hotel workers and two works by <u>Paul Cézanne</u>, demonstrating the artists mastery of both watercolor, <u>Théière et oranges (La Nappe)</u> (estimate: \$8-12 million), and oil, <u>Paysage avec route et clocher (Île de France près de Melun)</u> (estimate: \$10-15 million), his favored subjects of the French landscape and still life.

In keeping with increasing demand for major works by **Pablo Picasso**, the most heralded artist of the 20th century, Christie's will offer a diverse selection of 11 Picasso works from various collections, showcasing the artist's major themes, varying styles and his many muses-- from two powerful portraits of his muse Dora Maar to a whimsical and oversized work of a seated man from his great late series, and a uniquely painted ceramic sculpture of an owl from the Nelson A. Rockefeller Collection.







LEFT: Pablo Picasso (1881-1973), *Tête de femme (Dora Maar)*, 1943 (estimate: \$9,000,000-12,000,000) CENTER: Pablo Picasso (1881-1973), *Le hibou (rouge et blanc)*, 1953 (estimate: \$1,000,000-1,500,000) RIGHT: Pablo Picasso (1881-1973), *Homme à la pipe*, 1969 (estimate: \$15,000,000-20,000,000)

Additional highlights include:







LEFT: Paul Cézanne (1839-1906), *Théière et oranges (La Nappe*), *circa* 1895-1900 (estimate: \$8,000,000-12,000,000)

CENTER: Chaim Soutine (1893-1943) *Le garçon d'étage, circa* 1928 (estimate: \$6,000,000-9,000,000)

RIGHT: Paul Cézanne (1839-1906), *Paysage avec route et clocher (Île de France près de Melun)*, 1879-1880 (estimate: \$10,000,000-15,000,000)

The complete e-catalogue for this sale is available online at www.christies.com.

The press preview for the Evening Sale will take place Friday, November 4 at 9am. Please contact the Christie's Public Relations office in New York for details and arrangements.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Please find the schedule below for the November 2016 Impressionist and Modern auctions:

Wednesday, November 16: Impressionist and Modern Evening Sale at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 17: Impressionist & Modern Works on Paper Sale at 10:00 a.m. | Impressionist & Modern Day Sale at 2:00 p.m.

November 4 –18: Picasso Ceramics Online Sale

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