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Christie's *Fine Chinese Ceramics & Works of Art* Sale in London Totals

£8,518,375 / €9,642,801 / \$11,193,145 / HK\$86,921,484

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A Famille Rose Blue and White 'Nine Peaches' Vase, Wang Bu (1898-1968)
Estimate: £300,000 – 500,000
Price realised £728,750



An Extremely Rare and Important Pair of
Huanghuali Horseshoe-Back Armchairs,
Quanyi Ming Dynasty, 17th century
Estimate: £800,000 – 1,200,000
Price realised: £908,750



A Smokey Rock Crystal Figure of
Amitabha
19th century
Estimate: £8,000 – 12,000
Price realised: £428,750

London – Christie's *Fine Chinese Ceramics & Works of Art* sale in London on 7 November achieved a total of **£8,518,375 / €9,642,801 / \$11,193,145 / HK\$86,921,484**. Leading the auction was an extremely rare pair of *huanghuali* horseshoe-back armchairs, *Quanyi*, dating to the Ming dynasty, which sold for £908,750 / €1,028,705 / \$1,194,098 / HK\$9,272,883. Displaying the grace and finesse of Ming artistry, this pair are among eight known and published chairs of this design. Further highlights included a famille rose blue and white 'nine peaches' vase by Wang Bu (1898-1968), which realised £728,750 / €824,945 / \$957,578 / HK\$7,436,164 and a bronze ritual wine vessel and cover, *You*, early western Zhou dynasty (11th to 10th century BC), which sold for £608,750 against an estimate of £80,000 – 120,000. A 19th century smokey rock crystal figure of Amitabha (estimate: £8,000-12,000) achieved £428,750 / €485,345 / \$563,378 / HK\$4,374,964. The important archaic bronzes from the noted German collector and self-taught expert Michael Michaels was led by a late Shang dynasty (1600-1100 BC) bronze ritual wine vessel and cover which sold for £248,750. The vessel is cast to each side with a large *taotie* mask and the shoulder and foot are decorated with bands of stylised *kui* dragons.

Kate Hunt and Ivy Chan, Co-Heads of sale, *Fine Chinese Ceramics & Works of Art*, London: “We were pleased with the results of the *Fine Chinese Ceramics & Works of Art* sale that saw highly competitive bidding from our Asian and Western collectors across many categories, including the archaic bronzes from *The Michael Michael’s Collection of Early Chinese Art* and for the Qing dynasty mark and period porcelain from the *Property of a Nordic Collection*. Individual highlights included our important pair of Ming dynasty 17th century huanghuali chairs that led the sale, a famille rose blue and white ‘nine peaches’ vase by Wang Bu (1898-1968), a rare and large bronze ceremonial bell, dated the sixth year of the Zhengde corresponding to 1512 and a Qi Baishi scroll (1863-1957), *Peaches*, from a *Private European Collection*.”

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FINE CHINESE CERAMICS & WORKS OF ART
 London, Tuesday 07 November 2017, Sale 13982
 [All sold prices include buyer's premium]

230 lots sold **Total: £8,518,375 / €9,642,801 / \$11,193,145 / HK\$86,921,484** 64% sold by lot
 362 lots offered €1.132 = £1 / \$1.314 = £1 / HK\$10.204 = £1 79% sold by value

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Price Realised	Buyer
150	An Extremely Rare and Important Pair of Huanghuali Horseshoe-Back Armchairs, Quanyi. Ming Dynasty, 17th Century	800,000 - 1,200,000	£908,750 €1,028,705 \$1,194,098 HK\$9,272,883	Anonymous
262	A Famille Rose Blue and White 'Nine Peaches' Vase, Wang Bu (1898-1968)	300,000 - 500,000	£728,750 €824,945 \$957,578 HK\$7,436,164	Anonymous
1	A Bronze Ritual Wine Vessel and Cover, You. Early Western Zhou Dynasty (11th-10th Century BC)	80,000 - 120,000	£608,750 €689,105 \$799,898 HK\$6,211,684	Anonymous
42	A Smokey Rock Crystal Figure of Amitabha. 19th Century	8,000 - 12,000	£428,750 €485,345 \$563,378 HK\$4,374,964	Anonymous
352	Qi Baishi (1863-1957) Peaches	80,000 - 120,000	£284,750 €322,337 \$374,162 HK\$2,905,589	Anonymous
192	A Very Rare Large Bronze Ceremonial Bell. Dated the Sixth Year of Zhengde corresponding to 1512 and of the period (1506-1521)	120,000 - 180,000	£272,750 €308,753 \$358,394 HK\$2,783,141	Anonymous
160	A Bronze Ritual Wine Vessel and Cover, You. Late Shang Dynasty (1600-1100 BC)	80,000 - 120,000	£248,750 €281,585 \$326,858 HK\$2,538,245	Anonymous
164	A Bronze Ritual Wine Vessel, Zun. Early Western Zhou Dynasty (12th Century BC)	30,000 - 50,000	£224,750 €254,417 \$295,322 HK\$2,293,349	Anonymous
275	A Rare Famille Rose 'Peony' Dish Yongzheng Six-Character Mark in Underglaze Blue within a double circle and of the period (1723-1735)	80,000 - 120,000	£200,000 €226,400 \$262,800 HK\$2,040,800	Anonymous
269	A Very Large Guan-Type Archaistic Vase, Hu Yongzheng Six-Character Seal Mark in Underglaze Blue and of the period (1723-1735)	80,000 - 120,000	£162,500 €183,950 \$213,525 HK\$1,658,150	Anonymous

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