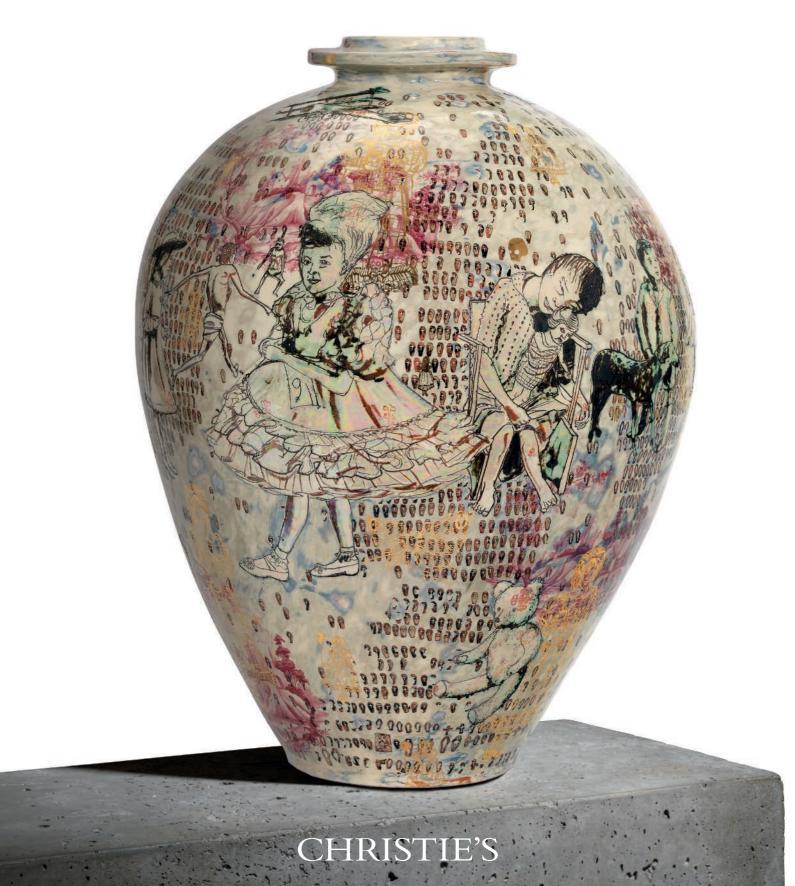
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### UN / BREAKABLE

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I am delighted to present Un/Breakable: an inaugural sale which celebrates the best in ceramics.

For me, the art of ceramics remains one of perpetual surprise. At its core lies a humble material, whose results – once committed to flame – are eternally unpredictable. It is brought to life through physical human engagement, yet ultimately defies our control. In this way, it continues to represent an enduring contemporary form of expression.

Coinciding with our Post-War and Contemporary Art sales, this carefully curated sale will showcase some of the most remarkable pieces of modern ceramics. Spanning close to 140 years, I have aimed to tell a story of what

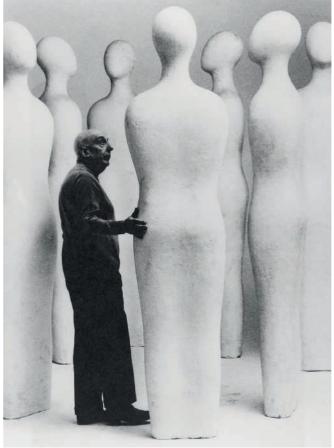
in my eyes constitutes one of our most intriguing forms of creation. Starting with revolutionary artists like Paul Gauguin and George Ohr, who both started their practices on different continents in the late 19th century when pottery was solely used to create decorative objects, we enter the postwar era with the baroque and spectacular shapes of Lucio Fontana's sculptures, and culminate with opulent, psychedelic vessels by the young Japanese potter Takuro Kuwata.

I hope you will share my enthusiasm and celebrate the resurgence of interest in an artform which has long been neglected.

-Leonie Mir



Pablo Picasso in his studio, 7 rue des Grands-Augustins, winter 1944-45. Photograph by Dick Ham.
Artworks: © Succession Picasso/DACS, London 2018.



Fausto Melotti, *I sette savi*, 1970. Photo Ugo Mulas © Ugo Mulas Heirs. All rights reserved.

#### AN INTRODUCTION

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Paul Gauguin was among the first modern artists to elevate ceramics to the realm of high art. Recognising the medium's vitality, the great post-Impressionist strove to liberate it from the staid, domestic world of ornament and decoration to which it had so long been confined by Western tradition. 'God gave man a little bit of mud', he wrote in 1889; 'with a little bit of mud we can make metal, we can make precious stones, with a little bit of mud and a little bit of genius'. Gauguin's vivid, figurative and deliberately non-functional ceramic creations were part of his ongoing engagement with the 'primitive' artistic spirit. Raw, immediate, and quite literally earthy, clay allowed him an immediate and tactile form of expression. Among the many twentieth-century artists who followed suit was Lucio Fontana, who approached ceramics from a similarly elemental angle. Pushing clay into bold and dramatic sculptural shapes, Fontana claimed to detest 'lacy designs and dainty nuances.'

This is not to say that ceramics, as they gained currency as an artistic mode, lost their delicacy. Consider, for example, the ephemeral, lyrical forms conjured by Fausto Melotti, Picasso's prolific output of elegantly painted vessels, or the sublime perfection of Lucie Rie's vases and bowls. There has always been an intriguing contradiction between the powerful, even primal physicality of ceramics' making and the ultimate fragility of the objects made. The element of surprise is also a crucial part of the process: in that miraculous moment of firing, as flame transforms clay with ever-unpredictable results, we introduce a creative force that remains thrillingly beyond our control.

In our age of virtual, fleeting and endlessly proliferating imagery, working with clay has taken on new relevance. Ever more globalised and connected by technology, we have lost something of our more immediate, intimate and human connection with the world around us. To make ceramics means to work with your hands, to restore the importance of touch. It can also offer a valuable vantage point from which to examine our past and our present. For some artists – as with Takuro Kuwata, who gives a postmodern twist to

Japanese tradition, or Luigi Ontani, who dialogues with kitsch and Classical idioms – ceramics allow a reframing of art history, and an exploration of where the decorative and the artistic intersect. In the 1980s, Julian Schnabel used broken plates as a way to return to the heroic scale and physical ambition of Abstract Expressionist painting – qualities that had been on the wane in an era of austere conceptualism. Other artists, including Rosemarie Trockel and Nermin Kura, engage directly with clay's tactile, biomorphic and bodily qualities as they take a fresh look at the cultural and aesthetic values embedded in material

As Beatrice Wood once said, 'There is a vibration around things made with the hands and love that no machine can copy. The handmade object has a vitality of its own that no mass-produced thing can duplicate.' Perhaps, after all, ceramics continue to appeal to artists today for the same reasons that Gauguin loved them. The simple ingredients of clay and fire offer limitless potential: we do not need machines to become alchemists, conjurers, magicians. With a little bit of mud and a little bit of genius, we can make fantastic, unique and important things.

-William Jobling

# 'Shapes come to the potter as verses come to the poet'

-George Ohr



George Ohr, Glazed ceramic vase, circa 1900,







Lucio Fontana in his studio. Photo: © Giancolombo. Artworks: © Lucio Fontana/SIAE/DACS, London 2018.

'I think matter is important to the evolution of art, but the artist must control it, it is what the artist uses for his new creation, but the most important thing, the most important thing is the idea...'

-Lucio Fontana

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### LUCIO FONTANA (1899-1968)

#### Crocifisso

signed with the artist's initials 'L.F.' (along the reverse) glazed terracotta  $12\% \times 6\% \times 4 \text{in.} (31 \times 15.5 \times 10 \text{cm.})$  Executed in 1955-57

£25,000-35,000 \$33,000-45,000 €28,000-39,000

#### PROVENANCE:

A gift from the artist to the present owner in the 1960s.

This work is registered with the Archivio Lucio Fontana under no. 4210/3.

'People called my ceramics primeval.

The materials looked as if it had been hit
by an earthquake, yet it was motionless'
-Lucio Fontana



The collector, Lucio Fontana and the ceramist Tullio Mazzotti in Albisola, c. 1965 Courtesy of the collector.



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# TAKURO KUWATA (B.1981)

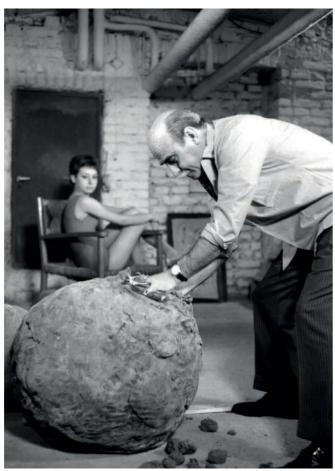
Red black-slipped gold Kairagi Shino egg

porcelain 25% x 2514 x 23%in. (65 x 64 x 60cm.) Executed in 2010

£12,000-18,000 \$16,000-23,000 €14,000-20,000

PROVENANCE:

Acquired directly from the artist by the present owner.



Lucio Fontana in his studio, Milan, 1959. Photo: © Giancolombo. Artworks: © Lucio Fontana/SIAE/DACS, London 2018.

Red Black-Slipped Gold Kairagi Shino Egg (2010) is a striking and beautiful work by the Japanese artist Takuro Kuwata. An ovoid form in two halves the upper red, the lower black - appears to have burst out of an opulent gold shell, whose cracked remains adhere to the top section, gleaming in vivid contrast to the red beneath. Kuwata, who has shown extensively in Japan and who last year was the subject of a solo exhibition curated by Jeffrey Uslip at the Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, is fascinated by the beauty that is born from destruction. Born in Hiroshima, but removed from the aftermath of World War II, he offers a contemporary view of postwar Japanese anxiety as well as exploring a correlation between Japan's recent natural and social disasters. The natural world plays an active role in Kuwata's practice, with bursting stones and broken glazes acting as metaphors for erupting volcanoes and earthquakes. The form of an egg perfectly encapsulates his ideas: an egg, of course, creates new life, but is shattered at the moment of creation. Among the many traditional Japanese techniques that he employs is kairagi, which is used, as in the present work, to create imperfections in the glaze through shrinking and cracking. Kuwata pushes this to its extreme so that the outer layer of his sculpture is fractured and appears to be slipping away from the colour beneath. This kairagi method introduces a lack of control and a degree of uncertainty that enhances the dysfunctional, organic nature of the object. Kuwata re-envisions the Japanese aesthetic philosophy of wabi-sabi, which focuses on the beauty of incompletion and imperfection, in a captivating work of broken splendour.



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# LYNDA BENGLIS (B.1941)

Metal Force

glazed ceramic 24% x 21% x 18in. (61.3 x 55.2 x 45.6cm.) Executed in 1993

£25,000-35,000 \$33,000-45,000 €28,000-39,000

#### PROVENANCE:

Thomas Dane Gallery, London.
Acquired from the above by the present owner.



Helen Frankenthaler, Las Mayas, 1958. © 2015 Christie's Images Limited. © 2018 Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, Inc. / ARS, NY and DACS, London.

'Related to the idea of skin, is the idea of drawing form – this has interested me because my work is all about drawing, as well as volume, or lack of volume, or air. A lot of the forms I have done are vessels that are containing something, or not containing something, and are living and breathing'

-Lynda Benglis

Lynda Benglis rose to prominence during the 1960s for her series of vibrant 'pours', for which she spilled coloured latex directly onto the floor. Responding to these, *Life* magazine dubbed her the heir to Jackson Pollock, although her practice rejected the masculine swagger of the Abstract Expressionists in favour of softer and less-traditional materials. Part painting, part sculpture, the 'pours' result in amorphous and spontaneous contours, colour arrested in a state of eternal suspension, and this technique with its emphasis on chromatic materiality, would influence her future ceramic works. Indeed, *Untitled*, 2013, is perpetually on the verge of becoming, its verdant, organic figure forms a striking burst of life. Formally, the sculpture is almost indescribable; a descriptor that applies to much of her work, as Benglis resists classification by traversing and denying aesthetic boundaries. Her works are held in public collections worldwide including Tate, London, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York.



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# THOMAS SCHÜTTE (B.1954)

Ceramic Sketch

stamped '201198' (on the side) glazed ceramic 11¼ x 13% x 7%in. (28.7 x 33.2 x 19.5cm.) Executed in 1997-1999

£70,000-100,000 \$90,000-130,000 €78,000-110,000

#### PROVENANCE:

Marian Goodman Gallery, New York. Acquired from the above by the present owner.

#### **EXHIBITED**

Turin, Castello di Rivoli, Museo d'Arte Contemporanea, *Thomas Schütte-Frauen*, May - September 2012, no. 85, p. 100 (illustrated).

These two charming ceramics are maquettes for Thomas Schütte's *Frauen* (Women), an important series of large-scale steel, bronze and aluminium works in which the artist deconstructs – and subverts – the language of monumental sculpture. The small ceramics are a key part of his process, allowing an expressive, three-dimensional immediacy of creation. As Schütte tells it, the finished *Frauen* 'are not drawn from nude models – it may come to that in the future – and neither are they modelled or sketched. They are all made from ceramic effusions' (T. Schütte, quoted in U. Loock, *Thomas Schütte*, Cologne 2004, p. 173). Integral to Schütte's exploration of sculptural tradition is the plinth, which typically confers a certain power and gravity upon the figure that it supports. Each of his maquette women is fashioned from a single piece of clay together with her base, conceiving the two as indivisible. The present two works display Schütte's playfully disruptive

approach to this convention, as well as a delightful use of colour. With his deft command of form, texture, and finish, Schütte uses the ceramics as a way to switch tactics and surprise expectations, making platform into container or stage, and figure into bather or performer. In one, he transforms the plinth into a bright yellow bathtub: a blue glaze trickles like overflowing water down its sides, and a smiling burgundy woman splashes exuberantly within. In the other, a geisha-like figure dripping in yellow and black kneels upon a raw-edged base, the top of which is glazed and spattered in the same lacquer-like colours that pour from her hair – it is as if she has emerged from the earth, foregrounding the material congruence between figure and plinth. The plinth also conjures a different association here, recalling the raised tatami flooring in a traditional Japanese home.



Moronobu Hishikawa, Picture Scroll of the Water Trade, Tokyo, reprint c. 1880. Photo: © 2018. Photo White Images/Scala, Florence.



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# PABLO PICASSO (1881-1973)

#### Portrait de Jacqueline

dated '10.2.56.IV' (upper left) and stamped 'Madoura Plein Feu' (underneath) earthenware ceramic plate with coloured engobe and glaze Diameter: 9%in. (25.2cm.)
Executed on 10 February 1956; this work is unique

£80,000-120,000 \$110,000-150,000 €89,000-130,000

#### PROVENANCE:

Bernard Picasso, Paris.

Anon. sale, Sotheby's, London, 19 October 1988, lot 37.
Private collection, London; his sale, Christie's, London, 7 December 1998, lot 260.
Acquired at the above sale by the present owner.

#### **EXHIBITED**

Mettlach, Deutsches Keramisches Museum Schloss Ziegelberg, *Europäische Keramik der Moderne, Keramik 18*, May - July 1984 (illustrated on the cover and inside)

S.Hertogenbosch, Museum Het Kruithuis, *Picasso Ceramics*, June - August 1985, p. 98 (illustrated p. 99).

Claude Picasso has confirmed the authenticity of this work.



Jacqueline Roque in *Vogue*, September 15 1965. Photo by Cecil Beaton/Condé Nast via Getty Images.

'[Jacqueline] peoples Notre-Dame-de-Vie with a hundred thousand possibilities ... She takes the place of all the models of all the painters on all the canvases. All the portraits are like her, even if they are not like each other. All the heads are hers and there are a thousand different ones...'

-Hélène Parmelin





Pablo Picasso, *Tête de Femme*, profil,1956. Sold, Christie's, New York, November 3 2010 (\$1,538,500). Artwork: © Succession Picasso/DACS, London 2018.

With her dark, almond-shaped eyes and mesmerising gaze, high cheek bones and regal poise, the arresting and unmistakable profile of Pablo Picasso's final great love, muse and later wife, Jacqueline Roque adorns this unique hand painted ceramic plate. Conceived and executed on 10 February 1956, *Portrait de Jacqueline* is both a masterful example of Picasso's innovative ceramic practice, as well as a poignant tribute to his beautiful new paramour, Jacqueline, made in the earliest years of their relationship. Embodying the quintessential visual iconography that Picasso used for the depiction of his lover in this so-called 'Époque Jacqueline', *Portrait de Jacqueline* has a unique provenance, first owned by the artist's grandson, Bernard Ruiz-Picasso, a reflection of the personal importance this piece held for the Picasso family.

Picasso's journey into the world of ceramics is closely intertwined with his relationship with Jacqueline. In 1947, Picasso was invited to return to the Madoura pottery studio in Vallauris in the south of France by its owners, Georges and Suzanne Ramié. Though he had visited the previous year, it was during this summer that the artist became truly enamoured by this

practice as he experimented with a host of ceramic objects and techniques, revelling in the diverse artistic possibilities that the medium of clay offered. From this point onwards, Picasso fell under the spell of this practice, moving permanently to Vallauris with his lover of the time, Françoise Gilot and their young family the year after.

A few years later, Picasso was introduced to a young sales assistant in the Madoura studio, Jacqueline Roque, who was living in Vallauris with her young daughter following her divorce. When, in 1953, Françoise left the artist, returning to Paris with their two young children, Picasso began to see Jacqueline, and by 1954, the pair were a couple, with her unmistakable features appearing in his painting in the summer of this year. Just as the playful and evermore inventive designs of Picasso's ceramic objects poured unceasingly from his studio, so the image of Jacqueline flowered in every aspect of his artmaking, her presence dominating his painting, drawing, printing, sculpture and ceramics throughout this prolific and joy-filled period of his career.

Opposite: Jacqueline Roque in Pablo Picasso's villa at La Californie in Cannes, 1957. Photo: @Imagno/Getty Images. Artwork: @ Succession Picasso/DACS, London 2018.



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# GRAYSON PERRY (B.1960)

#### Golden Ghosts

glazed earthenware 25¼ x 18½ x 18½ in. (64 x 46 x 46cm.) Executed in 2000

£60,000-80,000 \$78,000-100,000 €67,000-88,000

#### PROVENANCE:

Laurent Delaye Gallery, London.
Acquired from the above by the present owner.

#### **EXHIBITED**:

Exh. cat., New Labour, London, Saatchi Gallery, May 2001 (illustrated in colour, unpaged).

Amsterdam, Stedelijk Museum, *Grayson Perry-Guerrilla Tactics*, May - August 2002 (illustrated in colour, unpaged); this exhibition later travelled to London, Barbican Centre, November 2002.

London, Tate Britain, *Turner Prize 2003*, October 2003 - January 2004, no. 9 (illustrated in colour, unpaged).

Pittsburgh, The Andy Warhol Museum, *Grayson Perry*, April 2006. Moscow, Museum of Art, *Turner Prize: A Retrospective*, February - March 2008;

this exhibition later travelled to Tokyo, Mori Art Museum, April - July 2008.

## LITERATURE: P. Ellis, and C. Saatchi, 100: The work that changed British art, London, 2003,

V. Button, *The Turner Prize: 2005*, London, 2005, p. 191.

E. Booth-Clibborn, R. Cork et al. (ed.), *History of the Saatchi Gallery*, London, 2011, pp. 374-375.



Meidias Painter, *Hydria with Phaon and the daughters of Lesbos*, c. 410 BCE. Archaeological Museum, Florence. Photo: © 2018. Photo Scala, Florence courtesy of the Ministero Beni e Att. Culturali e del Turismo.

'What captivates Perry, ultimately, about both ornamental and folk pottery is the essential individualism he finds expressed in such work – an individualism premised, most significantly, on its handcrafted qualities. His love for the handmade connects fundamentally to his belief that craftsmanship is not just about perfecting a particular technique, but is to do with the articulation of the deep emotional and organic relationship that a craftsman develops with his medium – often over a lifetime of creative experimentation'

-Jacky Klein



Exhibited as part of his 2003 Turner Prize winning exhibition, Grayson Perry's *Golden Ghosts*, 2000, embodies the artist's complex and vibrant inner landscape, manifested in the present work through the medley of colour and interwoven imagery. Set against a pale, creamy glaze, Perry has decorated the vase with the children of a bygone era, outlined in sparse, elegant lines. Floating throughout are the shadows of ethereal and otherworldly figures, the titular *Golden Ghosts*. Through disparate imagery, Perry's complex surfaces chronicle his own past, his female alter-ego, sociological concerns and current political issues: 'A modern day Hogarth, he to manages to simultaneously love and loath his subjects, to empathize with his various characters and yet remain at a distance from them' (J. Klein, *Grayson Perry*, London, 2009, p. 41). In doing so, Perry challenges pottery's status as a purely decorative and utilitarian craft, transforming his vases into vehicles for cultural and psychological enquiry.

It was his ceramic vases that first brought Perry to public prominence as a member of the so-called Young British Artist generation, and he was the first ceramic artist to win the Turner Prize. Following the success of his first major solo exhibition at the Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, in 2002, these works propelled him onto a new global stage. Perry has described himself as a 'maximalist', an aesthetic reinforced both in his decorative surfaces as well as his ceramic process itself (G. Perry quoted in J. Klein, *Grayson Perry*, London, 2009, p. 42). Though created using traditional coiling methods, the vases virtuosic surfaces deploy a complex variety of additional techniques – from glazing and embossing to incision, relief and photographic transfers – which frequently require several firings. Referencing Greek pottery and folk art traditions, the classical forms of his vases are held in tension with their piercing contemporary narratives. In *Golden Ghosts*, this is exemplified through the intersecting and fluctuating temporalities, a kaleidoscope of ghostly narratives.

'Being non-triumphal is central to my work. This is one of the things that draws me to vases, which are usually small-scale. They have a humility: they whisper rather than shout'

-Grayson Perry





Opposite: Photograph taken for 'The Charms of Lincolnshire' exhibition, 2005. Photo: Eric J Great-Rex Artwork: © Grayson Perry. Courtesy the Artist.



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# DAESUP KWON (B.1952)

Moon Jar

incised and dated 'Dae,'14' (on the base) white porcelain 20 high x 19½in. diameter (50.7 x 49.5cm.) Executed in 2014

£18,000-25,000 \$24,000-32,000 €20,000-28,000

PROVENANCE: Kongkan Gallery, Busan. Private collection, South Korea.



Korean school, Moon jar, Joseon dynasty, early 18th century. Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Photo: © Bequest of Charles Bain Hoyt—Charles Bain Hoyt Collection / Bridgeman Images. In 1978, DaeSup Kwon had a fortuitous encounter which entirely reoriented his artistic practice: 'I was studying painting when I came across a white porcelain moon jar from the Joseon Dynasty at an antique shop in Seoul. I was enthralled by its graceful beauty, it was love at first sight, that jar, so simple at first glance. It left me with so many different impressions, I decided right there and then to become a potter instead of a painter' (D. Kwon, *Taste Contemporary*, www.tastecontemporary.com/dae-sup-kwon). Originally trained as a painter, Kwon has since only produced moon jars. Originally made during the 17th-18th century, the shape of the moon is echoed in the spherical form of the sculpture, suggestive of the lunar cycle and the circle of life. The surface is decorated solely in the milky white glaze evocative of the glow of the moon, exemplified in the present work, *Moon Jar*, 2014.

The process behind the moon jars is arduous and complex, requiring long firing time and high heat; accordingly, Kwon only creates 4 to 6 works a year, and despite their seemingly uniform shape, each is a marvel in white. As the artist explains, 'To appreciate a moon jar properly you should look beyond its simple shape. Although it is a plain porcelain jar, with no decorative elements whatsoever, it will seem different every time you look at it. Depending on the circumstances it will look quite different when you feel good or when you feel gloomy, when the weather is sunny or rainy and cloudy' (D. Kwon, *Taste Contemporary*, www.tastecontemporary.com/dae-sup-kwon). Kwon received his BFA from the Hongik University in Korea. His work has been widely exhibited at the Seoul Museum, Seoul, and the Musée des Arts Decoratifs, Paris, among others.



# GRAYSON PERRY (B.1960)

We've Found the Body of Your Child

glazed earthenware 18% x 11 x 11in. (48 x 28 x 28cm.) Executed in 2000

£50,000-70,000 \$65,000-90,000 €56,000-77,000

### PROVENANCE:

Laurent Delaye Gallery, London.
Acquired from the above by the present owner.

### **EXHIBITED**:

London, Laurent Delaye Gallery, *Self Portrava*, 2001. Exh. cat., *New Labour*, London, Saatchi Gallery, May 2001 (illustrated in colour, unpaged). London, Victoria Miro Gallery, *Grayson Perry*, October - November 2004. Pittsburgh, The Andy Warhol Museum, *Grayson Perry*, April 2006.

### LITERATURE:

M. Holborn (ed.), 100: The Work that Changed British Art, London, 2003, no. 94, pp. 192-193 (illustrated in colour).

J. Klein, Grayson Perry, London, 2009, p. 80 (illustrated in colour pp. 80-81).

E. Booth-Clibborn, R. Cork, et al (ed.), The History of the Saatchi Gallery, London, 2011, p. 371 (illustrated in colour).



Pieter Bruegel the Elder, *Hunters in the Snow (Winter)*, 1565. Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna. Photo: © 2018. Photo Fine Art Images/Heritage Images/Scala, Florence.



'I was looking, too, at a number of Bruegel paintings, including the *Hunters in the Snow*, whose composition provided the inspiration for this pot. I wanted ambiguity, so there's a woman with the dead body of her child in front of her, surrounded by figures, some of whom look like soldiers. Is she being arrested, or is she being comforted? I also had in mind the Tom Waits song 'Georgia Lee', a ballad sung by a father for his child who is found dead in the woods.

The phrases on the pot are things that many parents find themselves saying: 'Never did me any harm' or 'Never have kids', which my own mother used to say a lot. These phrases are the thin end of the wedge of child abuse: they're about the way we don't take children seriously or treat them as equals.

This has become one of my better-known works but it was odd, because most people didn't actually look at it.'

-Grayson Perry







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# HANS COPER (1920-1981)

# Hourglass vessel

impressed with artist's seal (on the base) stoneware, layered white porcelain slips and engobes over a body with textured and incised linear designs, the interior with manganese glaze  $7\frac{1}{2}$  high x 3in. diameter (19.8 x 7.5cm.) Executed *circa* 1970

£12,000-18,000 \$16,000-23,000 €14,000-20,000

PROVENANCE: Private collection, Japan.

LITERATURE:

T. Birks, Hans Coper, Yeovil, 1991, pp. 125-26.

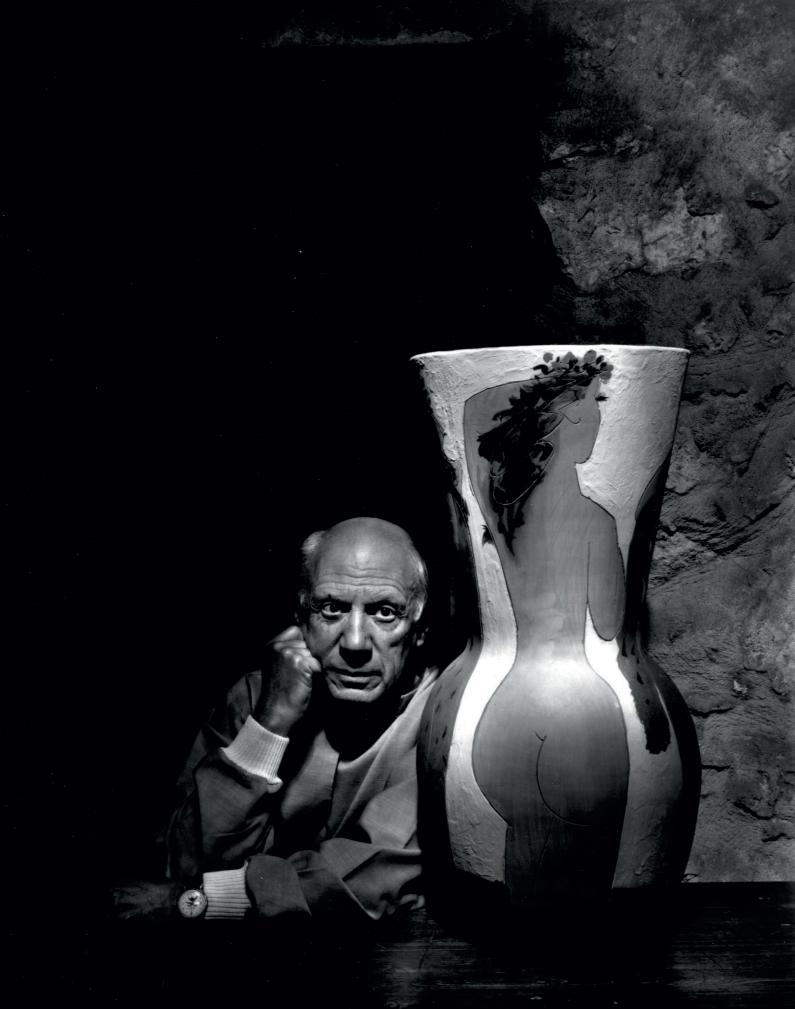
Hans Coper distinguished himself as a creator of new forms. His pots in the main were formed of conjoined elements that had been thrown. Whilst the pots remain functional, they are also highly sculptural. He much admired the work of the sculptors Alberto Giacometti and Constantin Brancusi, having much in common with their fascinations with form, surface, outline and space. Coper marked the surface of his pieces, giving them a depth of texture. He layered slip and then sanded, scratched and stained it. Like Lucie Rie, he selected to raw glaze his works rather than firing them twice. His palette was limited to neutral shades of cream, manganese and a burnt black. There is a fusion between the body of a work and its glaze to the extent that the two become almost indistinguishable. It was for him not about decorating a surface but rather about creating a whole.

He was an émigré who fled Nazi Germany in 1939, but was interned in Lancashire when war was declared and then sent to Canada. Eventually he joined the British Army in 1941 and served for a few years before being released owing to ill health. From 1946, he worked with Lucie Rie, initially making buttons and then cups, saucers and salad bowls but later moved to a studio at Digswell Arts Trust. He influential as a teacher both at Camberwell School of Art, where his pupils included Ewen Henderson, and the Royal College of Art, where taught Alison Briton and Elizabeth Fritsch. He gained recognition at the Festival of Britain in 1951 and his commissions included candleholders for Coventry Cathedral and for the Meeting House at the University of Sussex. Throughout his life he remained close friends with Lucie Rie.



Photograph of Hans Coper holding Lucie Rie as she empties her top-loading kiln, date unknown, Lucy Rie Archive, SCVA, Stella Snead/UK.





# A GRAND VASE AUX FEMMES VOILÉES BY PABLO PICASSO

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'My sculptures are plastic metaphors. People have said for ages that a woman's hips are shaped like a vase. It's no longer poetic; it's become a cliché. I take a vase and with it I make a woman. I take the old metaphor, make it work in the opposite direction and give it a new lease of life'

-Pablo Picasso







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# PABLO PICASSO (1881-1973)

Grand vase aux femmes voilées (A.R. 116)

stamped, marked and numbered 'MADOURA PLEIN FEU EMPREINTE ORIGINALE DE PICASSO EE' (inside the rim) terracotta vase painted with white, red and black engobe Height: 26in. (66cm.)
Conceived in 1950 and executed in a numbered edition of 25

£400,000-600,000 \$520,000-770,000 €450,000-660,000

### PROVENANCE:

Galerie Madoura, Vallauris.

Acquired from the above by the present owner in August 2002.

#### LITERATURE:

G. Bloch, *Pablo Picasso, catalogue de l'oeuvre gravé céramique, 1951-1971*, vol. III, Bern, 1972, no. 21 (another example illustrated p. 28). G. Ramié, *Picasso's Ceramics*, Barcelona, 1974, no. 691 (another example illustrated p. 277).

A. Ramié, *Picasso, catalogue de l'oeuvre céramique édité 1947-1971*, Vallauris, 1988, no. 116 (another example illustrated pp. 66-67).



Conceived in 1950, *Grand vase aux femmes voilées* is an artist's proof of which there are 3 for this edition of 25. The red earthenware clay vase features figures of four women on a white engobe background, offset against the earthy red tones of the smooth, bare terracotta which simulates both the look and feel of bare skin. Purchased directly from the Madoura studio in 2002, it is a remarkable example of Pablo Picasso's early development in the medium of ceramics.

Picasso first visited the Madoura workshop in Vallauris in July 1946, invited by Georges and Suzanne Ramié. The ancient associations of the village with production of ceramics appealed to Picasso; there, he became intrigued with the process of pottery making and first modelled small figures of a faun and two bulls by hand. Fascinated by the unusual combination of pictorial and sculptural possibilities this medium offered, Picasso returned a year later with a portfolio of drawings representing ideas for creation of both flat and three-dimensional pieces. He succeeded in learning various techniques and complex skills involved in this process, and soon began experimenting by combining different techniques and observing their transformation in the kiln. The combination of glazing techniques and oxides is noticeable in the present work.

The analogy between the female figure and Antique vases, well established in the pictorial language of Western art, did not escape Picasso's imagination. The interchangeability of a female figure with the shape of a vase manifests itself in several ways in his ceramic oeuvre, ranging from the carefully modelled shapes of vessels to figures painted onto the ceramic surface. The interplay between line and form, two dimensional and three dimensional shapes, characterises this work. Likely inspired by the artist's then companion Françoise Gilot, the painted figures as well as the curvature of the vase emphasise and accentuate the female form. Sensuous curves of the painted figures harmoniously correlate with the proportions of the ceramic vessel they are painted upon. The hourglass shape of the vase is complemented by the waist and hips of the figures, painted respectively onto the narrowest and widest surface areas.

Ceramics is perhaps the medium in which Picasso most developed his own interpretation of Mediterranean and Classical imagery. Mythical beings, female goddesses and animal figures become central in his designs. The decorative scheme of this vase consists of four veiled women on a white background, accentuated with black and ochre detailing in the base, hair, and drapery. Life and movement is conveyed through a variety of textures, subtle shading and bold brush strokes. The movement of figures is reminiscent of dance, with their thin garments and head garlands these women are transformed into maenead-like creatures taking part of what could be interpreted as a Bacchic ritual.

'The sheer range of techniques and materials used or reinvented by Picasso makes his pottery into an art complete in itself ... He at least always knew that his 25 years of creative work in pottery would one day be acknowledged as the keystone of a career devoted to constant self-renewal ... He was able to sustain his own faith in the art of palette and brush, to which he returned at the end of his life; this was his first and last material and, above all, the chosen weapon of his mind'

-Bernard Picasso



PROPERTY FROM A DISTINGUISHED PRIVATE EUROPEAN COLLECTION

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# MIQUEL BARCELÓ (B.1957)

I culi dei miei cavalli

signed, inscribed and dated 'Barceló 11.V.02 VIETRI S.M.' (upper side) acrylic and ceramic vase 28% x 19% x 19% in. (73 x 50 x 50 cm.) Executed in 2002

£40,000-60,000 \$52,000-77,000 €45,000-66,000

## PROVENANCE:

Galerie Bruno Bischofberger, Zürich. Galería Elvira González, Madrid. Acquired from the above by the present owner.

### **EXHIBITED:**

Exh. cat., L'atelier di Miquel Barceló, Roma, Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Moderna, September 2002 - January 2003, p. 76 (illustrated in colour). Exh. cat., Miquel Barceló a las Illes Balears, Menorca, Museo de Menorca, April - August 2003, p. 139 (illustrated in colour).



Miquel Barcelo during 'Paso Doble', 60th Avignon international theatre festival, Avignon, 2006. Photo: DOMINIQUE FAGET/AFP/Getty Images.

'All painting comes from clay'



PROPERTY FROM AN IMPORTANT PRIVATE EUROPEAN COLLECTION

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# THOMAS SCHÜTTE (B.1954)

Ceramic Sketch

stamped '30 06 99' (on the side) glazed ceramic 9 x 14½ x 8%in. (23 x 36.8 x 22cm.) Executed in 1999

£70,000-100,000 \$90,000-130,000 €78,000-110,000

PROVENANCE:

Marian Goodman Gallery, New York.
Acquired from the above by the present owner.

**EXHIBITED** 

Turin, Castello di Rivoli, Museo d'Arte Contemporanea, *Thomas Schütte - Frauen*, May - September 2012, no. 86, p. 94 (illustrated).

'I would rather talk with my hands and through forms and let these creatures live their own lives and tell their own stories. Avoiding certain fixed positions is important to me, avoiding being too classical or too predictable'

-Thomas Schütte



Pierre Bonnard, *Big Bathtub (Nude)*, 1937-1939. Private collection. Photo: © 2018. Photo Fine Art Images/Heritage Images/Scala, Florence.



# FAUSTO MELOTTI (1901-1986)

## I gessetti

signed 'Melotti' (on the reverse) painted terracotta and painted clay 18¼ x 12¾ x 5½in. (46.3 x 32.4 x 13cm.) Executed in 1959

£250,000-350,000 \$330,000-450,000 €280,000-390,000

#### PROVENANCE:

Galleria La Parisina, Turin.

Private collection, Europe (acquired from the above in *circa* 1976-80). Private collection, USA.

#### **EXHIBITED**

Reggio Emilia, Sala Comunale delle Esposizioni, Fausto Melotti. Sculture, disegni e pitture 1933-1968, June 1968, no. 59 (illustrated); this exhibition later travelled to Ferrara, Palazzo dei Diamanti, Centro Attività Visive, July - August 1968. Zürich, Marlborough Galerie AG, Fausto Melotti, March - April 1973, no. 6 (illustrated); this exhibition later travelled to Rome, Marlborough Galleria d'Arte, May-June 1973; London, Marlborough Fine Art, October - November 1973. Parma, Università di Parma, Sala delle Scuderie in Pilotta, Fausto Melotti, June - July 1976, no. 63.

Valencia, IVAM Centre Julio González, *Melotti*, December 1994 - January 1995, p. 188 (illustrated p. 75).

New York, Acquavella Galleries, *Melotti,* April - June 2008, no. 24, p. 155 (illustrated p. 78).

### LITERATURE:

A. Hammacher, Melotti, Milan, 1975, no. 20, p. 19 (illustrated).

 $M.\ Calvesi, \textit{Fausto Melotti}, Parma, 1976, no.\ 63, p.\ 183\ (illustrated, with incorrect dimensions and year).$ 

G. Celant, *Melotti, Catalogo generale, Sculture 1929-1972*, Milan, 1994, vol. I, no. 1959, p. 106 (illustrated).

The Fondazione Fausto Melotti has confirmed the authenticity of this work.



Piet Mondrian, Composition No. II with Red and Blue, 1929. Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York.

Photo: © 2018. Digital image, The Museum of Modern Art, New York/Scala, Florence.





Joseph Cornell, *Untitled - Aviary*, 1950-1952. Private collection. Artwork: © The Joseph and Robert Cornell Memorial Foundation/VAGA, NY/DACS, London 2018. Photo: © 2007 Christie's Images Limited.

'In creation, culture is in balance with the revelations of the unconscious'

-Fausto Melotti

Executed in 1959 as part of his *teatrini* (puppet theatre) series, *I Gessetti* is an early example of Fausto Melotti's figurative terracotta works. *I Gessetti* is a diorama divided into two distinct levels, and the architecture evokes Piet Mondrian's neo-plastic compositions. On each 'floor', a softly modelled figure sits sideways, knees bent, calmly lost in thought. Warmth emanates from the cloudy grey. In the lower level, Melotti has placed a small table and covered it with the titular chalks which provide the only colour in an otherwise serenely monochromatic tableau, a meditation in terracotta.

In the aftermath of World War II, Melotti turned to ceramics explaining, 'I must confess that the war has caused me great inner pain and sickness. One cannot make abstract art, one cannot even think about it when the soul is full not of desperation, but of figures of desperation' (F. Melotti quoted in S. Whitfield, Fausto Melotti: sculptures and works on paper from 1955 to 1983,

exh. cat., London, 2006, n.p.). His series of *teatrini*, as such, serve as setting for his experiments in figuration. Spare in decoration, Melotti's *teatrini* present open-ended and accommodating worlds where new narratives can take shape and unfold emphasized by the inclusion of chalk; critic Michela Moro describes them as 'safe spaces...both lighthearted and profound' (M. Moro, 'Fausto Melotti and Thea Djordjadze: La Triennale de Milano,' *Artforum*, Summer 2017). The settings are intimate, and they privilege the minor and the personal reminiscent of the Surrealist assemblages of Joseph Cornell whose captivating tableaux transformed the everyday. Like Cornell's shadowboxes, Melotti's *teatrini* are sites for mysterious dreaming and a reconfiguration of reality. *I Gessetti* is a reach towards peace in the face of previous traumas; the pursuit of an idealized harmony through a domestic calm.



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# HANS COPER (1920-1981)

# Ovoid pot

impressed with artist's seal (on the base) stoneware, layered white porcelain slips and engobes over a textured body, the interior cylindrical aperture with manganese glaze 7½ high x 5%in. diameter (19 x 15cm.) Executed *circa* 1970

£15,000-25,000 \$20,000-32,000 €17,000-28,000

PROVENANCE: Private collection, Japan.

LITERATURE:

T. Birks, Hans Coper, Yeovil, 1991, pp. 165-66 (similar example illustrated).



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'My concern is with extracting essence rather than with experiment and exploration'
-Hans Coper





# TWO IMPORTANT CERAMICS BY PAUL GAUGUIN FROM A DISTINGUISHED COLLECTION

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# 'To do new things, one must go back to the beginnings, to the infancy of humanity'

-Paul Gauguin

Paul Gauguin was an artist with an indefatigable need for discovery. This insatiable desire took him to the furthest corners of the globe, as he voyaged from Peru, Paris, Pont-Aven and Arles, to Martinique, Tahiti and finally the Marquesas Islands as he sought a simple, primitive existence, one that was freed from the bounds of Western civilisation, which could offer him new subjects and an entirely new mode of expression. This lifelong quest also led Gauguin to embrace a plethora of different media, ranging from carved wood sculpture and lithography, to woodcuts, painting and ceramics. Working simultaneously in a range of practices, Gauguin saw no hierarchical distinction between media, revelling in the transference of techniques and processes between various materials. Depicting his ceramic creations in his paintings, modelling portraits in clay objects or carving wood for his printmaking, Gauguin broke new ground in each medium that he worked in, seeking always to cross into hitherto uncharted artistic territory.

Having led a respectable life as a Paris stockbroker, in the early 1880s Gauguin decided to leave behind this bourgeois existence and pursue a career as an artist. In 1886, shortly before he left Paris for his first seminal trip to Brittany, Gauguin began to produce ceramics, having been introduced by his friend, the painter and engraver Félix Bracquemond, to Ernest Chaplet, one of the leading ceramicists of his day. Seeking to supplement his meagre income, Gauguin arranged to make pottery in Chaplet's studio on the rue Blomet and to split the proceeds between them. While the initial arrangement was that Gauguin would decorate the pieces that Chaplet made, the artist fast developed a talent for throwing his own pottery, quickly forging a unique and radical avant-garde aesthetic.

For the years that followed, Gauguin frequently returned to Chaplet's studio when he was in Paris, with his most experimental pieces created following his return from his revelatory summer in Martinique in late 1887. It was around this time that he executed to following lots: Vase porte-bouquet ("Atahualpa") (executed late 1887-early 1888) and, in the years following, Pot à la petite tahitienne (executed circa 1889), both of which encapsulate Gauguin's innovative, highly expressive and unique mode of ceramics. Gauguin's work in this medium was immediately noticed by critics and dealers in Paris, including Theo Van Gogh. When, in January 1888, five of Gauguin's ceramics were exhibited at Boussod & Valadon in Paris, the legendary Félix Fénéon singled out these works, remarking particularly on a work that was likely Vase porte-bouquet ("Atahualpa").

Instead of following the traditional technique of throwing pieces on a potter's wheel, Gauguin preferred to construct his ceramics by hand, a method known as coil and slab construction. This practice, he believed, was essential to a new, avant-garde form of ceramics, and he called for artists to 'transform the eternal Greek vase...replacing the potter at his wheel by intelligent hands, which could impart the life of a figure to a vase while remaining true to the character of the material' (Gauguin, quoted in G. Groom, ed., Gauguin: Artist as Alchemist, exh. cat., Chicago & Paris, 2017-2018, p.47). As a result, Gauguin's pieces have an anthropomorphic and sculptural form, often with appendages attached, their functional uses playfully subverted so that they become fantastical artistic objects. This can be particularly regarded in Vase porte-bouquet ("Atahualpa"), the name a reference to the last King of the Incas, which is humorously formed of the bust and head of a man, his lips and beard visible. To these tactile, complex surfaces, the artist then added glazes, slips, carved incisions or imagery. As in his painting, colour was endowed with an expressive, abstract potential, rather than being solely naturalistic. Inspired by a range of sources, from the contemporaneous voque for Japonisme, to medieval, Renaissance and pottery from his native Peru. Gauguin found with pottery a means to achieve his deeply felt desire for a primitive mode of expression. In every way an 'artist-artisan', he expanded the boundaries of the medium in his guest to convey his powerful artistic vision in three-dimensional form.







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# PAUL GAUGUIN (1848-1903)

Vase porte-bouquet "Atahualpa"

signed 'P Gauguin' (on the back) hand-modelled and hand-painted stoneware vase Height: 91/sin. (23.1cm.) Executed *circa* 1887-88; this work is unique

£120,000-180,000 \$160,000-230,000 €140,000-200,000

#### PROVENANCE:

Claude-Emile Schuffenecker, Paris (a gift from the artist). Amédée Schuffenecker, Paris (acquired from the above in 1926). Anon. sale, Sotheby's, London, 26 June 1991, lot 109. Acquired at the above sale by the present owner.

#### EXHIBITED:

Paris, Boussod & Valadon, Exhibition of works of art by Camille Pissarro, Armand Guillaumin and Paul Gauguin, December 1887 - January 1888. Paris, Musée du Luxembourg, Gauguin, 1928, no. 35.

New York, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, *The Lure of the Exotic: Gauguin in New York Collections*, June - October 2002, no. 6, p. 218 (illustrated p. 20).

#### LITERATURE:

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Exh. cat., *Paul Gauguin: Paris, 1889*, Cleveland, Museum of Art, 2009-2010, quoted in C. Stolwijk, 'Devoted to a Good Cause: Théo van Gogh and Paul Gauguin', pp. 79 and 228, note 44, fig. 25 (illustrated p. 79).

D. Gamboni, 'The Listening Eye: Taking Notes after Gauguin', in *Documenta* (13), no. 19, 2012, pp. 30-33 (illustrated pp. 30-31).

The present work will be included in the forthcoming *Paul Gauguin Digital Catalogue Raisonné*, currently being prepared under the sponsorship of the Wildenstein Plattner Institute, Inc.



Paul Gauguin, *Vase with Two Openings*, 1886-87. Petit Palais, Musée des Beaux-Arts de la Ville de Paris.



Alternative view



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# PAUL GAUGUIN (1848-1903)

## Pot au décor de Eve et le Serpent

signed with the initials 'PGO' (on the front) hand-modelled and partially glazed and gold painted stoneware vase Height: 7in. (17.8cm.)
Conceived *circa* 1889; this work is unique

£120,000-180,000 \$160,000-230,000 €140,000-200,000

### PROVENANCE:

Ambroise Vollard, Paris (thence by descent). Acquired from the above by the present owner in 1988.

#### LITERATURE:

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'Whether stained glass or furniture, earthenware ... These are in essence my aptitudes, much more than actual painting'

-Paul Gauguin



Paul Gauguin, *Pichet*, 1886-87. Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Paris.



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# PETER VOULKOS (1924 -2002)

## Untitled

signed 'Voulkos' (on the base) glazed stoneware 12% high x 8½in. diameter (32.5 x 21.5cm.) Executed in 1956

£10,000-15,000 \$13,000-19,000 €12,000-17,000

#### PROVENANCE:

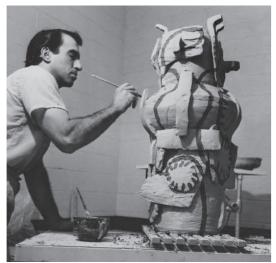
Private collection, Portland (acquired from the artist *circa* 1950s). Acquired from the above by the present owner *circa* 1980.

#### **EXHIBITED**:

Sacramento, University Library Gallery, CA Clay, 2005 (illustrated).

Peter Voulkos reinvented ceramics in the years of Abstract Expressionism, transgressing the boundaries between craft and high art with free-form shapes, esoteric decoration and visual vigour. He was an influential educator and a unique creative force, celebrated by art critics and potters alike. The present work, with its bold striped glaze and striking globular form, was made in 1956, shortly after Voulkos had founded the art ceramics department at the Los Angeles County Art Institute: while at this time his work was veering towards the sculptural and abstract – he worked gesturally with raw clay and often marred his work with gashes and punctures – Voulkos was equally a master of throwing and glazing beautiful, functional

pottery. 'Calling Peter Voulkos a ceramist is a bit like calling Jimi Hendrix a guitarist', wrote Karen Rosenberg. 'The charismatic, rebellious sculptor and teacher was a genuine rock star of his medium, a trained potter who went on to violate every rule of pot-making — often before a live audience. His sculptures started out clearly enough as polite, wheel-thrown vessels but evolved into nervy and transgressive abstract paintings, looming behemoths fired in industrial-size kilns, precarious assemblages and live-wire performances' (K. Rosenberg, 'Peter Voulkos, an Influential Sculptor Who Broke the Rules', New York Times, 29 December 2016).



Peter Voulkos working on a ceramic piece at his studio in Los Angeles, California in 1956.

Photo; © Oppi Untracht, courtesy of the Voulkos & Co. Catalogue Project.



African School, Kwele circular mask. Photo: © Christie's Images Limited.



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# LUCIO FONTANA (1899-1968)

Concetto Spaziale

signed and dated 'I. Fontana 56' (lower left) painted terracotta 14% x 28% in. (37.2 x 72.7cm.) Executed in 1956

£150,000-200,000 \$200,000-260,000 €170,000-220,000

PROVENANCE:

Private collection, Milan.
Private collection, Berlin.
Acquired from the above by the present owner.

#### LITERATURE:

E. Crispolti, Lucio Fontana: catalogo ragionato di sculture, dipinti, ambientazioni, vol. I, Milan, 2006, no. 56 SC 9, p. 312 (illustrated).

With its scarred, incised surface painted in lustrous tones, *Concetto Spaziale* (1956) stems from Lucio Fontana's series of 'spatial' sculptures. Created between 1950 and 1958, these glazed terracotta panels provided the artist with a vital forum for experimentation that fed directly into his paintings: the present work combines elements of his *buchi* ('holes'), initiated in the late 1940s, with vertical slashes that foreshadow the *tagli* ('cuts') begun in 1958. Some of Fontana's earliest artistic experiments, dating to the 1930s, had been in the medium of ceramics – indeed, it was through this body of work that he came to realise his aesthetic aims. 'The problem of making art instinctively became clearer to me', he recalled; 'neither painting nor sculpture, nor lines delimited in space, but continuity of space in matter' (L. Fontana, quoted in E. Crispolti and R. Siligato (eds.), *Lucio Fontana*, exh. cat., Palazzo delta Esposizioni, Rome, 1998, p. 118).

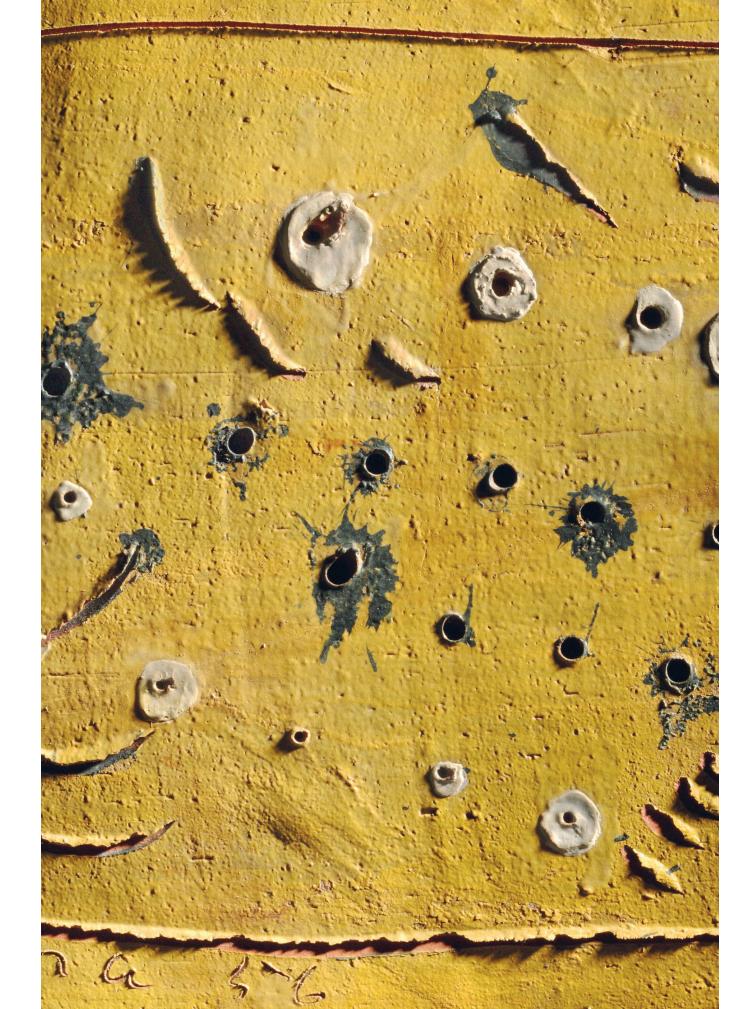
Fascinated by the developments of the Space Age, which had revealed to mankind the infinity of the cosmos, Fontana sought an art form that was similarly progressive – a series of 'spatial concepts', or *Concetto Spaziali*,that transcended the boundaries between two-dimensional painting and three-dimensional sculpture. Through the tactile medium of ceramics, the artist set about exploring this no-man's-land, creating works that simultaneously protruded into space and revealed the dark, mysterious void beyond the picture plane. The inherently chance-based nature of the medium was instrumental to his creative development: advances in science had revealed the plasticity of time and space, and the malleability of ceramics allowed Fontana to channel the spirit of these discoveries into art. Shimmering like a constellation, or a planetary surface photographed from space, the present work bears witness to an artist who – like the scientists and astronauts of his day – devoted his life to extending the frontiers of knowledge.



Lucio Fontana, Concetto Spaziale, In Piazza San Marco Di Notte Con Teresita, 1961. Private collection. Artwork: © Lucio Fontana/SIAE/DACS, London 2018. Photo: © 2017 Christie's Images Limited.

'My father was a good sculptor, I wanted to be a sculptor too, I would have liked to be a painter, too, like my grandfather, but I realized that these specific art terms are not for me and I felt like a Spatial artist. That's exactly it. A butterfly in space excites my imagination: having freed myself from rhetoric, I lose myself in time and begin my holes'

-Lucio Fontana







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## FERNAND LÉGER (1881-1955)

### Deux figures

signed, dated and inscribed 'F.LEGER 52 a Serge loutkevith, Amicalement F.Leger' (on the reverse) partially glazed ceramic 14½ x 17½ in. (36 x 43.5 cm.) Conceived in 1952; this work is unique

£60,000-80,000 \$78,000-100,000 €67,000-88,000

#### PROVENANCE:

Sergei Yutkevich (a gift from the artist), and thence by descent; sale, Sotheby's, New York, 6 May 2004, lot 381.

Acquired at the above sale by the present owner.

As with mural and mosaic works, Léger's experiments with ceramics were rooted in a broader desire to expand the traditional notion the nature of art, to escape the canvas, to move his art on to everything from decorative objects to the walls of the city. Made of everyday materials and created in an edition, Léger intended these small sculptural works to be accessible to a wide audience of collectors and enthusiasts, which could be easily displayed in even the most modest of homes. The artist's first experiments were carried out in the studio of the ceramicist Roland Brice, who had studied under Léger's tutelage from 1937 alongside Nicolas de Staël and workers from the Renault automobile factory. These works, which successfully translated Léger's unique painterly style into ceramic, represent a true collaboration between the two artists - Brice considered the technical aspects of the production. while Léger conceived the design, shaped the final sculpture before it was fired, and applied the finished colour. Calling these experiments new 'plastic facts', Léger reached a new understanding of form and colour through their realisation, the bright, dynamic three-dimensional form of each new work offering an alternative channel for his lyrical, artistic expression.



Fernand Léger and Nadia in front of the polychrome ceramic wall Women with a Parrot, Saint-Paul-de-Vence, ca. 1953. Photograph by André Villers.
Photo: ©Centre Pompidou, MNAM-CCI, Dist. RMN-Grand Palais / Georges Meguerditchian.
Artwork: ©DACS 2018.

'My era was one of great contrasts, and I am the one who made the most of it. I am the witness of my time'

-Fernand Léger



# DAME LUCIE RIE THE ART OF REFINED ELEGANCE

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What distinguished Lucie Rie was her ability to constantly find endless variety within a narrow range of forms and decorative techniques. She mainly focused on vases and bowls and employed very minimal decorative motifs save for incised lines. She did, however, constantly experiment with glazes and her handling of lines. She opted to fire her works only once. They were air-dried and then she raw-glazed them and instead of dipping works in glaze, she used a brush for greater control and incised the works with a pin or needle. Her glazes varied in thickness as well as texture.

She was an Austrian émigré who came to London in 1938. She had studied pottery at the Kunstgewerbeschule in Vienna, under Michael Powolny, and was familiar with the works of the Vienna Secession. She became friends with Bernard Leach but did not fall under his shadow. During the war, she made buttons and then table wares for the likes of Heal's, Liberty's and Bendick's to supplement her income and for a similar reason taught in Camberwell College of Arts from 1960 to 1972. By 1991 she had gained sufficient recognition for her elegant works to be honoured as a Dame Commander of the British Empire.



Dame Lucie Rie in her studio. Photographer unknown.

'To make pottery is an adventure to me, every new work is a new beginning ... there is an endless variety of the most exciting kind. And there is nothing sensational about it only a silent grandeur and quietness'

-Dame Lucie Rie

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# DAME LUCIE RIE (1902-1995)

### Bowl

impressed with artist's seal (on the base) stoneware, white glaze with manganese lip, mineral elements in the body creating a brown speckle, the rim formed to a pouring lip 7 high x 12¼in. diameter (17.8 x 31cm.) Executed *circa* 1958

£8,000-12,000 \$11,000-15,000 €8,900-13,000

PROVENANCE: Private collection, Japan.



# ROSEMARIE TROCKEL (B.1952)

### Untitled

signed, dated and numbered 'R Trockel 2008 / RT1949' (on the reverse) glazed ceramic  $23\,x\,19\%\,x\,3\%$  in. (58.4 x 49 x 8cm.) Executed in 2008

£60,000-80,000 \$78,000-100,000 €67,000-88,000

PROVENANCE: McCabe Fine Art, Stockholm.

Acquired from the above by the present owner.



Piero Manzoni, *Achrome*, 1961-1962. © 2014 Christie's Images Limited. © DACS 2018.





Rudolf Stingel, *Untitled*, 2000. Private collection. Artwork: © Rudolf Stingel. Photo: © Christie's Images / Bridgeman Images.

At slightly over half a metre wide, Rosemarie Trockel's *Untitled*, 2008 is tactile and dynamic, a white ceramic surface composed of unresolved and fluctuating biomorphic forms. Beginning in the 1980s, Trockel's engagement with ceramics continued her prolonged challenged to material hierarchies which is central to her practice. Any detail has been boldly glazed over in a white, placing the work in dialogue with Piero Manzoni's Achrome series or Rudolf Stingel's *Untitled*, 2000; all that remains is a fossilized relic, the vestiges of the artist's hand. Similar to Trockel's acclaimed largescale knitted paintings, *Untitled* occupies an in-between space, at once flat and moulded, the nexus of painting and sculpture. Trockel regularly conceptualizes the picture plane as three-dimensional, a gesture that curator Rainald Schumacher understands as a 'correction of art historical hermeneutics', emblematic of her expansive and elaborate oeuvre (R. Schumacher, 'Feminist Relics – more actual Utopia than we knew', *Rosemarie Trockel*, Sammlung Goetz, Munich, 2002, p. 63).

Trockel's practice is often described as a cosmos, an entire network of self-contained references woven through a variety of media. Hers is an aesthetic of 'non-identity and progressive formlessness' which seems to defy classification (J. Scheller, 'Rosemarie Trockel: Kunsthaus Bregenz', Freize, Issue 19, May 2015). Untitled's lack of figurationpoints to a surface and material exploration, but the work's bodily associations also locate it within a feminist critique; situated within are multiple and overlapping art histories. Indeed, monochromes themselves have long been created within a largely male tradition, exemplified by artists including Kasamir Malevich, Yves Klein, and Ad Reinhart among others. While these works often are rooted in ideology, Trockel's Untitled offers no such vision. Instead, the work is an open-ended proposition, simultaneously complex and vague. Encapsulated within the structure of the work, is a series of unanswerable questions, the replies for which are still to come.



# JULIAN SCHNABEL (B.1951)

### Corinne

signed, titled and dated 'Corinne Julian 1987' (on the reverse) oil, bondo and ceramic plates mounted on panel  $73\times60\%\times7\%$  in. (185.4 x 154.6 x 18.5cm.) Executed in 1987

£250,000-350,000 \$330,000-450,000 €280,000-390,000

#### PROVENANCE:

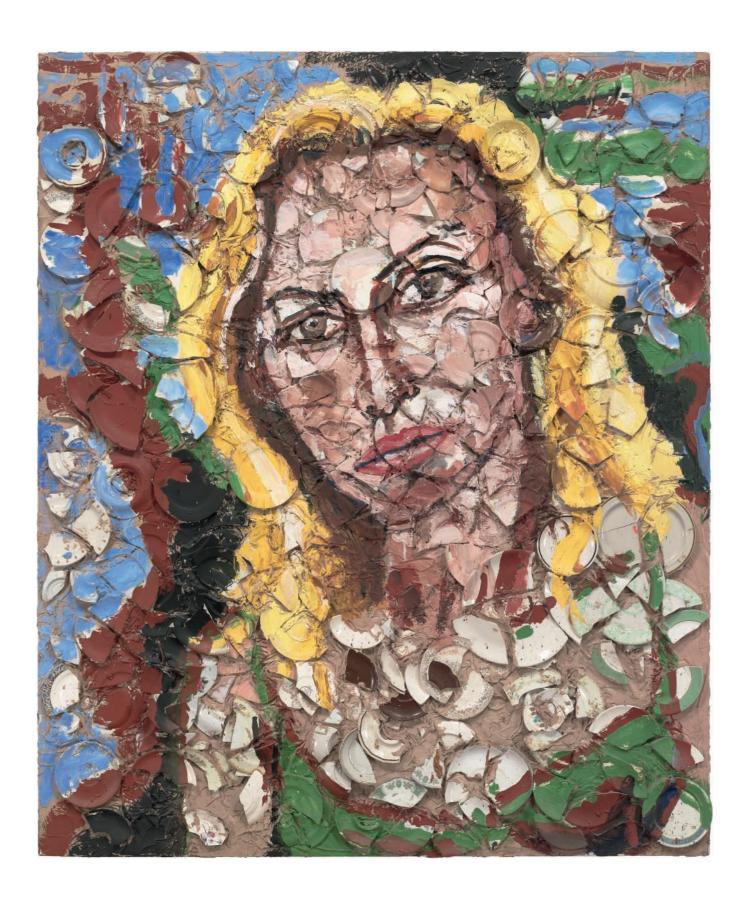
Galerie Bruno Bischofberger, Zürich.
The collection of Lord and Lady Jacobs (acquired from the above in 1987).
Anon. sale, Christie's, London, 1 July 2015, lot 189.
Acquired at the above sale by the present owner.

'I was trying to tear the mosaic out of its own body to make a bridge to something just outside of my own body. All of this was happening before I even started to paint the painting. It was that radical moment an artist waits for. I wanted to make something that was exploding as much as I wanted to make something that was cohesive'

-Julian Schnabel



Pablo Picasso, Weeping Woman, 1937. Tate Modern, London. Artwork: © Succession Picasso/DACS, London 2018. Photo: © Tate.



Corinne (1987) is a striking large-scale painting by Julian Schnabel, painted on his radical signature support of broken plates glued to a heavy wooden panel. Up close, the fractured crockery presents a cracked scape of vivid colour. Bold, seemingly abstract strokes of yellow, green, blue, black, red and sienna play over a jagged sculptural surface. Step back, and this monumental composition - almost two metres in height - resolves into a poised and powerful portrait. Corinne emerges as a blonde woman in a green bra against a patterned background. With his plate paintings, Schnabel tore apart the clean, taut surfaces of Minimalism to open new ground for painting in the 1980s. The shattered platters were an apt embodiment of the postmodern 'brokenness' of painting, and of history itself: these works evoke archaeological sites, the rise and fall of cultures, wholeness fragmented into ruin. Schnabel used ceramics to work with a grandeur, sincerity, scale and heroism that had not been seen since the era of Abstract Expressionism, dragging painting reborn from its own wreckage. Corinne demonstrates the awesome power of this new idiom, which defined the thrilling, Wagnerian art world of 1980s New York and remains vastly influential to this day.

Like Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns before them, in 1978 Schnabel and his friend Ross Bleckner set out as young artists on a tour of Europe. It was in Barcelona that summer that Schnabel had his breakthrough. He saw the work of Antoni Gaudí, who employed broken crockery in his mosaics: this medium, Schnabel realised, 'had a certain kind of reflective quality and density of colour and light that I felt hadn't really been used in painting, that was sort of off the ground and had a ... pictorial possibility, besides the psychological one' (J. Schnabel, quoted in C. Ratcliff, 'Julian Schnabel: New

Again', Interview Magazine, January 2016). Schnabel made his first plate painting as soon as he returned to New York. In fracturing these objects, with their familiar associations of domesticity and comfort, he unlocked a visceral and dramatic response, near-primal in its intensity. 'The plates seemed to have a sound,' he recalled, 'the sound of every violent human tragedy, an anthropomorphic sense of things being smeared and thrown. I was trying to tear the mosaic out of its own body to make a bridge to something just outside of my own body. All of this was happening before I even started to paint the painting. It was that radical moment an artist waits for. I wanted to make something that was exploding as much as I wanted to make something that was cohesive' (J. Schnabel, 11 July 1986, quoted in Julian Schnabel, exh. cat. Museo d'Arte Contemporanea Luigi Pecci, Prato 1989, p. 31).

This central idea of something at once 'exploding' and 'cohesive' finds spectacular expression in *Corinne*, which offers profoundly different experiences to the viewer depending on their vantage point. The portrait either splinters to abstraction and disorder, or resolves into a compound figurative whole. In the latter view, it is as if Schnabel has built something new from a fallen civilisation, incorporating disparate cultural memories and past techniques into a multifaceted conglomerate image. The destroyed vessels become artefacts, containers of history, united in a chorus of disintegration. Corinne stares forth knowingly from her ground of shards and relics, a woman composed of paint and plates, fragmented yet held together. Ultimately, in this visually arresting hinterland between coherence and chaos, Schnabel found a new way of looking at the world.



Antoni Gaudí, Casa Batlló Chimneys, Barcelona, redesigned in 1904. Photo: GM Photo Images / Alamy Stock Photo.

'I was already using wax and building up a surface, and using modelling paste to build things out of paintings. And then I was in Barcelona for a while that summer and looked at Gaudi's work; it had a certain kind of reflective quality and density of colour and light that I felt hadn't really been used in painting, that was sort of off the ground and had a ... pictorial possibility, besides the psychological one'

-Julian Schnabel



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# PABLO PICASSO (1881-1973)

Tripode (A.R. 125)

stamped, marked and numbered 'Edition Picasso / 47/75 / Madoura' (underneath)

white earthenware ceramic vase, partially engraved, with coloured engobe and glaze

Height: 291/sin. (74cm.)

Conceived in 1951 and executed in a numbered edition of 75

£100,000-150,000 \$128,000-192,000 €110,000-165,000

#### PROVENANCE:

Anon. sale, Sotheby's, London, 5 April 2016, lot 153. Acquired at the above sale by the present owner.

#### LITERATURE:

A. Ramié, *Picasso Catalogue de l'oeuvre céramique edité 1947-1971*, Vallauris, 1988, no. 125 (another example illustrated p. 72).

Conceived in 1951, the present lot is marked '47' for the edition of 75. *Tripode* (A.R. 125) is a white earthenware clay vase featuring the face of the artist's then companion Françoise Gilot. Her features are accentuated by the bold application of coloured engobe and partial engraving, adding texture to the otherwise smooth glazed surface. Picasso was interested in ancient Mediterranean civilizations, and in incorporated elements of their pictorial language in his ceramic oeuvre. The shape of the vase itself is a reference to the Greek tripod cauldron. Developed in the Geometric period, the tripod served as a powerful Panhellenic religious symbol. He skilfully manipulated this form, creating an unusual bulbous shape which is echoed in the decoration of the three legs. Imaginative and original, the present lot is an example of Picasso's continuous creative experimentation and exploration in the medium of ceramics.



Françoise Gilot posing between two tripod vases, *circa* 1951 © Succession Picasso/DACS, London 2018 © Galerie Madoura



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## LUIGI ONTANI (B.1943)

Erma dell'arma

polychrome glazed ceramics in three parts  $81\% \times 19\% \times 23\%$  in. (206 x 50 x 60cm.) Executed in 1996

£60,000-80,000 \$78,000-100,000 €67,000-88,000

#### PROVENANCE:

Private collection, Florence (acquired in 1999). Galleria Lorcan O'Neill, Rome. Acquired from the above by the present owner.

#### **EXHIBITED:**

Fano, Chiesa di S. Arcangelo, Galleria Enrico Astuni, *Luigi Ontani. Sacro Fauno Profunny a Fano*, June - August 1998.

Carrara, Chiesa del Suffragio, *ALLEGRA CON BRIO. Arte italiana dalla Pop a oggi*, May - June 2006, pp. 48-49 (illustrated pp. 40, 76-77).

Rome, Galleria Lorcan O'Neill, *Luigi Ontani*, May 2011.

Ceramica Gatti has confirmed the authenticity of this work.



'I began my adventure working with a precarious art form, but ultimately arrived at a tangible one that could be conserved ... I think it's interesting to rediscover a way of working that's not academic, not obvious, not consumerist, and even within a great tradition' -Luigi Ontani

Treasure of Tutankhamen, Miniature sarcophagus, Egyptian civilization, 18th Century. Egyptian Museum, Cairo.
Photo: © De Agostini Picture Library / S. Vannini / Bridgeman Images.





The mercurial Italian artist Luigi Ontani brings together classical, baroque and kitsch aesthetics in a postmodern project that revolves around his own inscrutable countenance. Although he works in photography, drawing and performance, polychrome ceramics form perhaps the most vital part of his practice; through these sophisticated, slickly produced works, Ontani echoes and inflects the various decorative and artistic traditions of his country with a camp, colourful and Koonsian edge. *ERMA Dell'Arma* is a life-size ceramic statue bearing, as is typical, the artist's face. He is transformed into a columnar figure wearing the ceremonial dress of the *Carabinieri*, the Italian military police. He sports a navy uniform with red trim, a white sash and epaulettes, and a bicorn officer's hat bearing a red and blue ostrich-feather plume. A buttoned ankle-boot – a style which Ontani himself is fond of wearing, and of which he has made standalone sculptures – emerges from the statue's front, poised to crush a cowering angel on the gleaming gold plinth below.

This work is from Ontani's series of ErmEstEtetiche, whose title is a play on the Italian words for 'herm' and 'aesthetic'. A herm is a sculptural form that originated in Ancient Greece and was adopted by the Romans. It features a head, and sometimes a torso, above a plain, squared-off lower section, sometimes with male genitals carved at the appropriate height. The herms of Ancient Greece originally depicted the phallic god Hermes, and were placed at crossings, borders and boundaries as a protection against evil. In later Roman and Renaissance versions, the form was used for portrait busts of famous public figures like Socrates and Plato. Ontani draws on this tradition in the *ErmEstEtetiche*, which include colourful herm interpretations of Christopher Columbus, Pythagoras, Nietzsche, Saint Sebastian and other historical and mythical characters. Made in collaboration with the Bottega d'Arte Ceramica Gatti in Faenza (a firm which itself had important relationships with artists such as Gio Ponti and Giacomo Balla), they are alluringly perfect in workmanship, and utterly appealing in the 'aesthetic' sense pointed up by the series' title. Beyond this immediate beauty, however, Ontani weaves together a deliberate array of specific cultural and intellectual references. ERMA Dell'Arma is a charming presence, but also surreal and enigmatic. He seems at once toy soldier and military monument, a whimsical mannequin and a god to be worshipped. The threatened angel trembles beneath his authority. Ontani's impassive face and gleaming, stylish surface reveal nothing, creating a work of captivating and uneasy beauty.





## FAUSTO MELOTTI (1901-1986)

### Vaso Pavone

polychrome glazed ceramic 17% x 7¼ x 16½in. (44.8 x 18.5 x 42cm.) Executed in 1955

£30,000-40,000 \$39,000-51,000 €34,000-44,000

#### PROVENANCE:

Private collection, Italy.

Acquired from the above by the present owner.

#### **EXHIBITED**:

Milan, Montrasio Arte, *Fausto Melotti, Trappolando*, December 2016 – February 2017, no. 10.

Exh. cat., Fausto Melotti. Quando la Musica diventa Scultura, Turin, Castello di Miradolo Fondazione Cosso, November 2017- February 2018, p. 110.

#### LITERATURE:

A. Commellato & M. Melotti, *Fausto Melotti, L'opera in ceramica,* Milan, 2003, no. 13, p. 204 (illustrated).

G. Mondadori, *Arte - Mensile di Arte, Cultura, Informazione*, Milan, no. 532, 2017, no. 5, p. 100 (illustrated).

This work is registered in the Archivio Fausto Melotti, Milan, under no. PA7.

'The art of Fausto Melotti – secret, lyrical, poetic – opens a window onto our century, illuminating the intersection between classical culture and the birth of the avant-garde'

-Jole de Sanna



Artworks: © Fondazione Fausto Melotti.



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# ALEV EBÜZZIYA SIESBYE (B.1938)

Lapis Lazuli

incised and dated 'alev '89' (on the base) stoneware, dark blue glaze with a masked design 9% high x 12%in. diameter (25 x 32.7cm.) Executed 1989

£10,000-15,000 \$13,000-19,000 €12,000-17,000

#### PROVENANCE:

Private collection, New York. Anon. sale, Bonhams, New York, 16 December 2013, lot 1338. Acquired from the above sale by the present owner.

#### LITERATURE:

Garth Clark, Alev Ebüzziya Siesbye, 1999, p. 92 (similar example illustrated).

Born and raised in Istanbul, the Turkish-Danish artist formed her artistic identity in the studios of important workshops such as Eczacıbaşı Ceramic Factories and, later, Royal Copenhagen. After only two years in the eponymous Danish ceramic factory, she opened a workshop in Copenhagen and began successfully exhibiting her own work. Although clean in line and colour, Alev Ebüzziya Siesbye's bowls each vary slightly on this deceptively simple theme. The linear shapes and colour achieved by the artist, are the result of a complex process of creation and a deep understanding of space, colour and texture.

Her pots with their iconic unglazed rim and array of strong, exotic colours give a feeling of absolute stillness; of a precisely designed volume floating in a tense and static space. Throughout her career, the precise evolution of her ceramic forms followed a slow and steady pattern; each revealing of a gradual development in the style and period within the artist's life.



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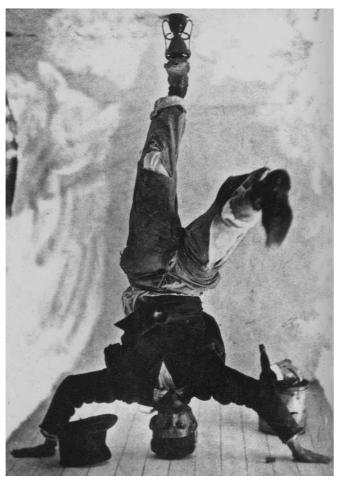
## GEORGE OHR (1857-1918)

Glazed ceramic vase

stamped 'Geo E Ohr' (on the base) glazed earthenware vase 7 high x 5in. diameter (17% x 5½cm.) Executed *circa* 1900

£6,000-8,000 \$7,800-10,000 €6,700-8,800

PROVENANCE:
Garth Clark Gallery, New York.
Acquired from the above by the present owner in 1996.



George Ohr upside down. Photographer unknown.

The self-styled 'Mad Potter of Biloxi' (he also claimed the title 'Unequaled unrivaled - undisputed - GREATEST ART POTTER ON THE EARTH'), George Ohr defied all convention. He created a prolific, diverse body of work in the late 1890s and early 1900s that was astonishingly ahead of its time. His studio, a five-story wooden 'pagoda' in Biloxi, Mississippi, overflowed with pots in an array of wild, warped shapes and explosive colours that stood in vivid contrast to the Victorian beiges of the era. The present work, with its exuberant biomorphic shape, fringed lip and shimmering, mossy glaze, is a charming demonstration of his pots' unique character. Many contemporaries regarded Ohr as nothing more than an eccentric tourist attraction. In a 1901 interview, however, he predicted 'When I am gone, my work will be praised, honoured, and cherished. It will come' (G. Ohr, quoted in B. Watson, 'The Mad Potter of Biloxi', Smithsonian Magazine, February 2004). He was right. Half a century after his death in 1918, an amazing cache of seven thousand of his works was rediscovered in his son's auto repair garage. Collectors including Jasper Johns and Andy Warhol began buying Ohr; in 1984 some Ohr pots appeared in new paintings by Johns at New York's Leo Castelli Gallery, and after a series of solo shows of Ohr's work, interest and acclaim increased as prominent collectors such as Steven Spielberg and Jack Nicholson also began buying. Examples of Ohr's ceramics, now regarded as singularly important, innovative and beautiful, are now held in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. New York, and the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History; the Frank Gehry-designed Ohr-O'Keefe Museum, a major centre dedicated to Ohr's work and to the cultural heritage of Mississippi, opened in 2011.

'I am the apostle of individuality, the brother of the human race, but I must be myself and I want every vase of mine to be itself'

-George Ohr



PROPERTY FROM THE COLLECTION OF MR AND MRS DAVID MARSHALL

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## DAME LUCIE RIE (1902-1995)

impressed with artist's seal (on the base) porcelain, golden manganese glaze, radiating inlaid and sgraffito design 6¾ high x 3‰in. diameter (17 x 10cm.) Executed circa 1960

£12,000-18,000 \$16,000-23,000 €14,000-20,000

#### PROVENANCE:

Collection of Mr and Mrs David Marshall, and thence by descent to the present owner.

#### LITERATURE:

Home Journal, November 1966, p. 88 (illustrated).



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# DAME LUCIE RIE (1902-1995)

### Vase

impressed with artist's seal (on the base) stoneware, white and cream pitted glaze 8 high x 41⁄4 in. diameter (20.2 x 10.5 cm.) Executed *circa* 1980

£7,000-10,000 \$9,000-13,000 €7,800-11,000

PROVENANCE: Private collection, Japan.

EXHIBITED:

Exh. cat., Lucie Rie & Hans Coper, Potters in Parallel, London, Barbican Centre, 1997, p. 108 (similar example illustrated).



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# EDMUND DE WAAL (B.1964)

### Colourfield

a set of ten vessels impressed with artist's seal (on the underside) white glazed porcelain, varying colour to each interior largest 3% high x 7% in. diameter (9.2 x 19.9cm.) Executed in 2004

£12,000-18,000 \$16,000-23,000 €14,000-20,000

#### PROVENANCE:

Acquired directly from the artist by the present owner.

#### LITERATURE:

E. De Waal, J. Veitberg, H. Waters & J. Beighton, *Edmund de Waal at Kettle's Yard, mima and elsewhere*, Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, 2007 pp. 102-103 (illustrated).

'If you do it well, there's the inscription of memory within vessels so that you feel that there's a host of different meaning attached to them and you can bring that alive in the ways in which you frame them'

-Edmund de Waal

Edmund de Waal's concern is with pushing boundaries. His objective is to provoke thought and for the viewer to recognise there are multiple dialogues involved when considering works. Previous assumptions and prejudices come into question, beginning with the issue of function. Historically the purpose of ceramic pots has been utilitarian, but on closer inspection of the forms of his pieces, this premise is intentionally called into sharp focus.

His fascination with multiples results in comparisons being made between apparently similar items which, by very nature of their being hand-made, means subtle distinctions between individual items are inevitable. They are apparently mass produced multiples and yet inherently unique. They also exist not only in relationship to one another, but also within any given spatial parameters. De Waal has an admiration for the work of the minimalist artist Carl Andre, who likewise explored the relationship of repeating items within a work.

Display and presentation are central to de Waal. He recognises that his vessels are movable and so their dialogues of space, time and context alter and become transient. Environments for works can be created and similarly works can be made for specific locations. Unexpected positioning can imbue a work with new meaning, distinct from a viewer's previous understanding.

In addition to being a renowned potter working in Britain, Edmund de Waal is also an acclaimed author, notably for his award-winning 2011 biography *The Hare with the Amber Eyes*, and his extensive writings on ceramics.





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### NERMIN KURA (B.1958)

### Moon Slippers

incised 'NK' (on the base) mid-range stoneware and glaze, low-fire lusters  $13\% \times 13\% \times 13\%$  in. and five smaller pieces ranging from 3 to 5½ in. (34 x 34 x 34cm. and five smaller pieces ranging from 7½ to 14cm.) Executed in 2015 and glazed in 2018

£5,000-7,000 \$6,500-9,000 €5,600-7,700

PROVENANCE: Galeri Nev, Ankara. Private collection, Ankara.

In Nermin Kura's sensual ceramics, enlarged and imaginary flowers burst forth, as in the present work, Moon Slippers (2015, glazed 2018). Glazed entirely in glossy white, Moon Slippers entrances, unfurling like an orchid, at once curved and triangular. Upon each of the three cascading petals sits a distinctively shaped bud, both blossoming and folding inwards upon itself. The swelling form is surrounded by an array of delicate, detached leaves. *Moon* Slippers evokes the same fascination with a bodily, organic beauty as Georgia O'Keeffe's paintings, and both artists produce psychologically charged works. Similarly to O'Keeffe, Kura's ceramics, too, are concerned with 'issues of containment' and the manner in which interiority can be both concealed and revealed (S. Bağci, 'Clay Flowers: Nermin Kura's Gülistani', Nermin Kura: Ser, Galeri Nev, 2013, n. p.). Inspired by nature, in particular the floral patterning of Ottoman-era tiles, Kura's practice explores both the translations of this cultural motif specifically along with broader questions pertaining to the embodiment of life in inanimate forms. Her ceramics have been internationally exhibited and avidly collected.



Georgia O'Keeffe, *Jimson Weed/White Flower No. 1*, 1932. Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Arkansas. Artwork: © Georgia O'Keeffe Museum / DACS, 2018. Photography by Edward C. Robison III.



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# DAME LUCIE RIE (1902-1995)

### Conical footed bowl

impressed with artist's seal (on the base) porcelain, manganese glaze with terracotta well 3 high x 7½in. diameter (7.5 x 19cm.) Executed *circa* 1970

£10,000-15,000 \$13,000-19,000 €12,000-17,000

PROVENANCE: Private collection, Japan.



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# DAME LUCIE RIE (1902-1995)

### Footed vase

impressed with artist's seal (on the base) porcelain, manganese and white glaze with inlaid and sgraffito design 4% high x 2%in. diameter ( $10.5 \times 6.5$ cm.) Executed circa 1980

£7,000-10,000 \$9,000-13,000 €7,800-11,000

PROVENANCE: Private collection, Japan.



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# HANS COPER (1920-1981)

Cup on stand with indents

impressed with artist's seal (on the base) stoneware, black glaze 4% high x 3%in. diameter (11 x 8.5cm.) Executed *circa* 1975

£10,000-15,000 \$13,000-19,000 €12,000-17,000

PROVENANCE: Private collection, Japan.

LITERATURE:

T. Birks, *Hans Coper*, Yeovil, 1991, p. 198 (similar example illustrated).



Alternative view



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# HANS COPER (1920-1981)

Cup on stand with central disk

impressed with artist's seal (on the base) stoneware, black glaze 4% high x 3%in. diameter (12 x 8cm.) Executed *circa* 1965

£10,000-15,000 \$13,000-19,000 €12,000-17,000

PROVENANCE: Private collection, Japan.

LITERATURE:

T. Birks, *Hans Coper*, Yeovil, 1991, p. 58 (similar example illustrated).



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# ALEV EBÜZZIYA SIESBYE (B.1938)

Tall bowl

incised and dated 'alev 2000' (on the base) stoneware, dark blue glaze with a masked design 13½ high x 8½ in. diameter (34.5 x 21cm.) Executed in 2000

£9,000-12,000 \$12,000-15,000 €10,000-13,000

PROVENANCE:

Barry Friedman Collection, New York; his sale, Christie's, New York, 26 March 2014, lot 180.

Acquired from the above sale by the present owner.

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Garth Clark, Alev Ebüzziya Siesbye, 1999, p. 134 (similar example illustrated).

'There is no severed slashing of surfaces, expressionistic painting nor sculptural addition. No bowl could be more pared down or basic. Everything is achieved through subtlety: a slight narrowing at the neck, the knife edge sharpness of the rim, a small swelling at the neck. These are all slight, but meaningful and considered, modulations that cumulatively set a Ebüzziya Siesbye bowl apart from the rest and joins it to a long succession of inspired bowls of the past'



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# BERNARD LEACH (1887-1979)

#### Two tile panels

most figural tiles painted 'BL' and with St. Ives mark (on the tiles) one panel dated '1930' glazed stoneware, painted wood frame  $39\% \times 39\%$  in. including frame  $(99.8 \times 100$  cm.)  $38\% \times 34\%$  in. including frame  $(98 \times 88$  cm.) Executed *circa* 1930

£30,000-50,000 \$39,000-64,000 €34,000-55,000

#### PROVENANCE:

Private collection, United Kingdom, and thence by descent to the present owner.

#### LITERATURE:

C. Hogben, *The Art of Bernard Leach*, London, 1978, p. 32, no. 34 (similar example illustrated).

E. de Waal, Bernard Leach, 2003, p. 55, no. 36 (similar example illustrated).



Detail

Bernard Leach is acclaimed as the father of studio ceramics. His career began when it was not fashionable to work as a potter. It was a time when a potter was paid to throw pots for others to decorate and not as an artist per se. As a vocal evangelist, he championed the importance of fired ceramics. He believed working with ceramics was an art form and that manipulating and forming of earthenware, stoneware or porcelain was as important as the surface decoration. Leach wrestled with the tension of having to produce utilitarian wares out of commercial necessity with the intention of focusing on creating artistic works.

In his work are combined influences from his time in Japan studying under Ogata Kenzan VI, together with his knowledge of Korean and Chinese ceramics, his appreciation of English ceramics traditions and his fascination with Medieval history.

The tiles he decorated demonstrate the union of these different passions and his great skill as a draughtsman. He began his career studying painting and etching at the Slade and unlike many other studio potters of the 20th Century employed figurative decoration to great effect.





#### CONDITIONS OF SALE · BUYING AT CHRISTIE'S

#### CONDITIONS OF SALE

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Unless we own a lot (∆ symbol), Christie's acts as agent for the seller.

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(b) Our description of any lot in the catalogue, any condition report and any other statement made by us (whether orally or in writing) about any lot, including about its nature or **condition**, artist, period, materials, approximate dimensions or **provenance** are our opinion and not to be relied upon as a statement of fact. We do not carry out in-depth research of the sort carried out by professional historians and scholars. All dimensions and weights are approximate only.

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#### 4 VIEWING LOTS PRE-ALICTION

(a) If you are planning to bid on a **lot**, you should inspect it personally or through a knowledgeable representative before you make a bid to make sure that you accept the description and its **condition**. We recommend you get your own advice from a restorer or other professional adviser.

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(b) All types of gemstones may have been improved by some method. You may request a gemmological report for any item which does not have a report if the request is made to us at least three weeks before the date of the auction and you pay the fee for the report.

(c) We do not obtain a gemmological report for every gemstone sold in our auctions. Where we do get gemmological reports from internationally accepted gemmological alboratories, such reports will be described in the catalogue. Reports from American gemmological laboratories will describe any improvement or treatment to the gemstone. Reports from European gemmological laboratories will describe any improvement or treatment to the gemstone. describe any improvement or treatment only if we request that they do so, but will confirm when no improvement or treatment has been made. Because of differences in approach and technology, laboratories may not agree whether a particular gemstone has been treated, the amount of treatment or whether treatment is permanent. The gemmological laboratories will only report on the improvements or treatments known to the laboratories at the date of the report.

(d) For jewellery sales, **estimates** are based on the information in any gemmological report or, if no report is available, assume that the gemstones may have been treated or enhanced.

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(a) Almost all clocks and watches are repaired in their lifetime and may include parts which are not original. We do not give a warranty that any individual component part of any watch or clock is authentic. Watchbands described as 'associated' are not part of the original watch and may not be authentic. Clocks may be sold

without pendulums, weights or keys.

(b) As collectors' watches and clocks often have very fine and complex mechanisms, a general service, change of battery or further repair work may be necessary, for which you are responsible. We do not give a **warranty** that any watch or clock is in good working order. Certificates are not available unless described in the catalogue.

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(ii) for corporate clients: Your Certificate of Incorporation or equivalent document(s) showing your name and registered address together with documentary proof of directors and beneficial owners; and

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#### **BIDDING ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON**

(a) As authorised bidder. If you are bidding on behalf of another person, that person will need to complete the registration requirements above before you can bid, and supply a signed letter authorising you to bid for him/her.

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(o)internet bids on Christle's LIVE— For certain auctions we will accept bids over the Internet. For more information, please visit https://www.christies.com/buying-suide/register-and-bid/ As well as these Conditions of Sale, internet bids are governed by the Christle's LIVE—Terms of Use which are available on is https://www.christies.com/LiveBidding/OnlineTermsOfUse.

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#### AT THE SALE

#### WHO CAN ENTER THE AUCTION

We may, at our option, refuse admission to our premises or decline to permit participation in any auction or to reject any bid.

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(a) refuse any bid;

(b) move the bidding backwards or forwards in any way he or she may decide, or change the order of the lots;

(c) withdraw any lot;

(d) divide any **lot** or combine any two or more **lots**;

(e) reopen or continue the bidding even after the hammer has fallen;

(f) in the case of error or dispute and whether during or after the auction, to continue the bidding, determine the successful bidder, cancel the sale of the lot, or reoffer and resell any lot. If any dispute relating to bidding arises during or after the auction, the auctioneer's decision in exercise of this option is final.

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(a) hidders in the saleroom:

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(c) written bids (also known as absentee bids or commission bids) left with us by a bidder before the auction.

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Bidding generally starts below the **low estimate** and increases in steps (bid increments). The auctioneer will decide at his or her sole option where the bidding should start and the bid increments. The usual bid increments are shown for guidance only on the Written Bid Form at the back of this catalogue.

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## D THE BUYER'S PREMIUM, TAXES AND ARTIST'S RESALE ROYALTY

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Royalty for the portion of the hammer price

(in euros)

4% up to 50,000

3% between 50,000.01 and 200,000 1% between 200,000.01 and 350,000

0.50% between 350.000.01 and 500.000

over 500,000, the lower of 0.25% and 12,500 euro.

We will work out the artist's resale royalty using the euro to sterling rate of exchange of the European Central Bank on the day of the auction.

#### E WARRANTIES

#### 1 SELLER'S WARRANTIES

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(b) has the right to transfer ownership of the **lot** to the buyer without any restrictions or claims by anyone else.

If either of the above warranties are incorrect, the seller shall not have to pay more than the **purchase price** (as defined in paragraph F1(a) below) paid by you to us. The seller will not be responsible to you for any reason for loss of profits or business, expected savings you tor any reason for loss or profits or business, expected savings, loss of opportunity or interest, costs, damages, other damages or expenses. The seller gives no warranty in relation to any lot other than as set out above and, as far as the seller is allowed by law, all warranties from the seller to you, and all other obligations upon the seller which may be added to this agreement by law, are excluded.

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(a) It will be honoured for claims notified within a period of five years from the date of the auction. After such time, we will not be obligated to honour the **authenticity warranty**.

(b) It is given only for information shown in UPPERCASE type in the first line of the catalogue description (the 'Heading'). It does not apply to any information other than in the Heading even if shown in LIPPERCASE type

(c) The authenticity warranty does not apply to any Heading or part of a Heading which is qualified. Qualified means limited by a clarification in a lot's catalogue description or by the use in a Heading of one of the terms listed in the section titled Qualified Headings on the page of the catalogue headed (Important Notices and Explanation of Cataloguing Practice: For example, use of the term 'ATTRIBUTED TO...' in a Heading means that the lot is in Christie's opinion probably a work by the named artist but no warranty is provided that the lot is the work of the named artist. Please read the full list of Qualified Headings and a lot's full catalogue description before bidding.

(d) The **authenticity warranty** applies to the **Heading** as amended by any Saleroom Notice.

(e) The authenticity warranty does not apply where scholarship has developed since the auction leading to a change in generally accepted opinion. Further, it does not apply if the **Heading** either matched the generally accepted opinion of experts at the date of the sale or drew attention to any conflict of opinion.

(f) The authenticity warranty does not apply if the lot can only be shown not to be authentic by a scientific process which, on the date we published the catalogue, was not available or generally accepted for use, or which was unreasonably expensive or impractical, or which was likely to have damaged the **lot**.

(g) The benefit of the authenticity warranty is only available to the original buyer shown on the invoice for the lot issued at the time of the sale and only if, on the date of the notice of claim, the original buyer is the full owner of the lot and the lot is free from any claim, interest or restriction by anyone else. The benefit of this **authenticity** warranty may not be transferred to anyone else.

(h) In order to claim under the authenticity warranty, you must:

(i) give us written notice of your claim within five years of the date of the auction. We may require full details and supporting evidence of any such claim;

(ii) at Christie's option, we may require you to provide the written opinions of two recognised experts in the field of the **lot** mutually agreed by you and us in advance confirming that the **lot** is not **authentic**. If we have any doubts, we reserve the right to obtain additional opinions at our expense; and

(iii) return the **lot** at your expense to the saleroom from which you bought it in the **condition** it was in at the time of sale.

(i) Your only right under this **authenticity warranty** is to cancel the sale and receive a refund of the **purchase price** paid by you to us. We will not, in any circumstances, be required to pay you more than the purchase price nor will we be liable for any loss of profits or business, loss of opportunity or value, expected savings or interest, costs, damages, other damages or expenses.

(j) Books. Where the lot is a book, we give an additional warranty for 14 days from the date of the sale that if on collation any lot is defective in text or illustration, we will refund your purchase price. subject to the following terms:

(a) This additional warranty does not apply to:

(i) the absence of blanks, half titles, tissue guards or advertisements, damage in respect of bindings, stains, spotting, marginal tears or other defects not affecting completeness of the text or illustration;

(ii) drawings, autographs, letters or manuscripts, signed photographs, music, atlases, maps or periodicals;

(iii) books not identified by title;

(iv) lots sold without a printed estimate;

(v) books which are described in the catalogue as sold not subject to return; or

(vi) defects stated in any condition report or announced at the

(b) To make a claim under this paragraph you must give written details of the defect and return the **lot** to the sale room at which you bought it in the same **condition** as at the time of sale, within 14 days of the date of the sale.

# (k) South East Asian Modern and Contemporary Art and Chinese Calligraphy and Painting.

In these categories, the authenticity warranty does not apply because current scholarship does not permit the making of definitive statements. Christie's does, however, agree to cancel a sale in either of these two categories of art where it has been proven the lot is a forgery. Christie's will refund to the original buyer the purchase price in accordance with the terms of Christie's authenticity warranty, provided that the original buyer notifies us with full supporting evidence documenting the forgery claim within twelve (12) months of the date of the auction. Such evidence must be satisfactory to us that the lot is a forgery in accordance with paragraph E2(h)(ii) above and the **lot** must be returned to us in accordance with E2h(iii) above. Paragraphs E2(b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) and (i) also apply to a claim under these categories.

#### 3 YOUR WARRANTIES

(a) You warrant that the funds used for settlement are not connected with any criminal activity, including tax evasion, and you are neither under investigation, nor have you been charged with or convicted of money laundering, terrorist activities or other crimes.

(b) where you are bidding on behalf of another person, you warrant

(i) you have conducted appropriate customer due diligence on the (I) you have conducted appropriate customer due diligence on the ultimate buyer(s) of the **lot(s**) in accordance with all applicable anti-money laundering and sanctions laws, consent to us relying on this due diligence, and you will retain for a period of not less than 5 years the documentation evidencing the due diligence. You will make such documentation promptly available for immediate inspection by an independent third-party auditor upon our written request to do so;

(ii) the arrangements between you and the ultimate buyer(s) in relation to the lot or otherwise do not, in whole or in part, facilitate

(iii) you do not know, and have no reason to suspect, that the funds used for settlement are connected with, the proceeds of any criminal activity, including tax evasion, or that the ultimate buyer(s) are under investigation, or have been charged with or convicted of money laundering, terrorist activities or other crimes

#### F PAYMENT

#### 1 HOW TO PAY

(a) Immediately following the auction, you must pay the purchase price being:

(i) the hammer price; and (ii) the buver's premium; and

(iii) any amounts due under section D3 above; and

(iv) any duties, goods, sales, use, compensating or service tax or VAT. Payment is due no later than by the end of the seventh calendar day following the date of the auction (the 'due date').

(b) We will only accept payment from the registered bidder. Once issued, we cannot change the buyer's name on an invoice or re-issue the invoice in a different name. You must pay immediately even if you want to export the **lot** and you need an export licence. (c) You must pay for **lots** bought at Christie's in the United Kingdom

in the currency stated on the invoice in one of the following ways:
(i) Wire transfer

You must make payments to:

Lloyds Bank Plc, City Office, PO Box 217, 72 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3BT. Account number: 00172710, sort code: 30-00-02 Swift code: LOYDGB2LCTY. IBAN (international bank account number): GB81 LOYD 3000 0200 1727 10.

(ii) Credit Card.

We accept most major credit cards subject to certain conditions. You may make payment via credit card in person. You may also make a 'cardholder not present' (CNP) payment by calling Christie's Post-Sale

Services Department on +44 (0)20 7752 3200 or for some sales, by logging into your MyChristie's account by going to: www.christies. com/mychristies. Details of the conditions and restrictions applicable to credit card payments are available from our Post-Sale Services Department, whose details are set out in paragraph (e) below

If you pay for your purchase using a credit card issued outside the region of the sale, depending on the type of credit card and account you hold, the payment may incur a cross-border transaction fee. If you think this may apply to, you, please check with your credit card issuer before making the payment.

Please note that for sales that permit online payment, certain transactions will be ineligible for credit card payment.

(iii) Cash We accept cash subject to a maximum of £5.000 per buyer per year at our Cashier's Department Department only (subject to condition (iv)Banker's draft

You must make these payable to Christie's and there may be conditions. (v) Cheque

You must make cheques payable to Christie's. Cheques must be

from accounts in pounds sterling from a United Kingdom bank.
(d) You must quote the sale number, lot number(s), your invoice number and Christie's client account number when making a payment. All payments sent by post must be sent to: Christie's, Cashiers Department, 8 King Street, St James's, London, SW1Y 6QT. (e) For more information please contact our Post-Sale Service Department by phone on +44 (0)20 7752 3200 or fax on +44 (0)20 752 3300.

#### 2. TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP TO YOU

You will not own the **lot** and ownership of the **lot** will not pass to you until we have received full and clear payment of the **purchase price**, even in circumstances where we have released the **lot** to the buyer.

#### 3 TRANSFERRING RISK TO YOU

The risk in and responsibility for the **lot** will transfer to you from whichever is the earlier of the following:

(a) When you collect the lot; or

(a) when you collect the lot; or (b) At the end of the 30th day following the date of the auction or, if earlier, the date the lot is taken into care by a third party warehouse as set out on the page headed 'Storage and Collection', unless we have agreed otherwise with you in writing.

#### 4 WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DO NOT PAY

(a) If you fail to pay us the **purchase price** in full by the **due date**, we will be entitled to do one or more of the following (as well as enforce our rights under paragraph F5 and any other rights or remedies we have by law):

(i) to charge interest from the **due date** at a rate of 5% a year above th UK Lloyds Bank base rate from time to time on the unpaid amount due; (ii) we can cancel the sale of the **lot**. If we do this, we may sell the **lot** again, publicly or privately on such terms we shall think necessary or appropriate, in which case you must pay us any shortfall between the **purchase price** and the proceeds from the resale. You must also pay all costs, expenses, losses, damages and legal fees we have to pay or may suffer and any shortfall in the seller's commission on the resale:

(iii) we can pay the seller an amount up to the net proceeds payable in respect of the amount bid by your default in which case you acknowledge and understand that Christie's will have all of the rights of the seller to pursue you for such amounts;

(iv) we can hold you legally responsible for the purchase price and may begin legal proceedings to recover it together with other losses, interest, legal fees and costs as far as we are allowed by law;

(v) we can take what you owe us from any amounts which we or any company in the **Christie's Group** may owe you (including any deposit or other part-payment which you have paid to us);

(vi)we can, at our option, reveal your identity and contact details to

(vii) we can reject at any future auction any bids made by or on behalf of the buyer or to obtain a deposit from the buyer before accepting any bids;

(viii) to exercise all the rights and remedies of a person holding (viii) to exercise all the rights and remedies of a person holding security over any property in our possession owned by you, whether by way of pledge, security interest or in any other way as permitted by the law of the place where such property is located. You will be deemed to have granted such security to us and we may retain such property as collateral security for your obligations to us; and

(ix) we can take any other action we see necessary or appropriate.

(b) If you owe money to us or to another Christie's Group company. we can use any amount you do pay, including any deposit or other part-payment you have made to us, or which we owe you, to pay off any amount you owe to us or another **Christie's Group** company for any transaction

(c) If you make payment in full after the due date, and we choose to accept such payment we may charge you storage and transport costs from the date that is 30 calendar days following the auction in accordance with paragraphs Gd(i) and (ii). In such circumstances paragraph Gd(iv) shall apply.

#### 5 KEEPING YOUR PROPERTY

If you owe money to us or to another **Christie's Group** company, as well as the rights set out in F4 above, we can use or deal with any of your property we hold or which is held by another with any of your property we hold or which is held by another Christie's Group company in any way we are allowed to by law. We will only release your property to you after you pay us or the relevant Christie's Group company in full for what you owe. However, if we choose, we can also sell your property in any way we think appropriate. We will use the proceeds of the sale against any amounts you owe us and we will pay any amount left them that soll to have if there is a cheefful we want to have a company to the company of the from that sale to you. If there is a shortfall, you must pay us any difference between the amount we have received from the sale and the amount you owe us.

#### **G COLLECTION AND STORAGE**

(a) We ask that you collect purchased lots promptly following the auction (but note that you may not collect any lot until you have made full and clear payment of all amounts due to us).

(b) Information on collecting lots is set out on the storage and collection page and on an information sheet which you can get from the bidder registration staff or Christie's Post-Sale Services Department on +44 (0)20 7752 3200.

(c) If you do not collect any lot promptly following the auction w can, at our option, remove the lot to another Christie's location or an affiliate or third party warehouse

(d) If you do not collect a **lot** by the end of the 30th day following the date of the auction, unless otherwise agreed in writing

(i) we will charge you storage costs from that date.

(ii) we can at our option move the lot to or within an affiliate or third party warehouse and charge you transport costs and administration fees for doing so.

(iii) we may sell the lot in any commercially reasonable way we

(iv) the storage terms which can be found at christies.com/storage

(v) Nothing in this paragraph is intended to limit our rights under paragraph F4.

#### H TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING

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We will enclose a transport and shipping form with each invoice sent to you. You must make all transport and shipping arrangements. However, we can arrange to pack, transport and ship your property if you ask us to and pay the costs of doing so. We recommend that you ask us for an **estimate**, especially for any large items or items of high value that need professional packing before you bid. We may also suggest other handlers, packers, transporters or experts if you ask us to do so. For more information, please contact Christie's Art Transport on +44 (0)20 7839 9060. See the information set out at www.christies.com/shipping or contact us at arttransport\_ london@christies.com. We will take reasonable care when we are handling, packing, transporting and shipping a **lot**. However, if we recommend another company for any of these purposes, we are not responsible for their acts, failure to act or neglect.

#### 2 EXPORT AND IMPORT

Any lot sold at auction may be affected by laws on exports from the country in which it is sold and the import restrictions of other countries. Many countries require a declaration of export for property leaving the country and/or an import declaration on entry of property into the country. Local laws may prevent you from importing a lot or may prevent you selling a lot in the country you import it into. We will not be obliged to cancel your purchase and refund the **purchase price** if your **lot** may not be exported, imported or it is seized for any reason by a government authority. It is your responsibility to determine and satisfy the requirements of any applicable laws or regulations relating to the export or import of any **lot** you purchase (a) You alone are responsible for getting advice about and meeting the requirements of any laws or regulations which apply to exporting or importing any lot prior to bidding. If you are refused a licence or there is a delay in getting one, you must still pay us in full for the lot. We may be able to help you apply for the appropriate licences if you ask us to and pay our fee for doing so. However, we cannot guarantee that you will get one.

For more information, please contact Christie's Art Transport Department on +44 (0)20 7839 9060. See the information set out at www.christies.com/shipping or contact us at arttransport london@christies.com

#### (b) Lots made of protected species

Lots made of or including (regardless of the percentage) endangered and other protected species of wildlife are marked with the symbol in the catalogue. This material includes, among other things, ivory tortoiseshell, crocodile skin, rhinoceros horn, whalebone, certain species of coral, and Brazilian rosewood. You should check the relevant customs laws and regulations before bidding on any lot containing wildlife material if you plan to import the lot into another country. Several countries refuse to allow you to import property containing these materials, and some other countries require a licence from the relevant regulatory agencies in the countries of exportation as well as importation. In some cases, the **lot** can only be shipped with an independent scientific confirmation of species and/or age and you will need to obtain these at your own cost. If a **lot** contains elephant ivory, or any other wildlife material that could be confused with elephant ivory (for example, mammoth ivory, walrus ivory, helmeted hornbill ivory), please see further important information in paragraph (c) if you are proposign to import the **lot** information in paragraph (c) if you are proposing to import the lot into the USA. We will not be obliged to cancel your purchase and refund the **purchase price** if your **lot** may not be exported, imported or it is seized for any reason by a government authority. It is your responsibility to determine and satisfy the requirements of any applicable laws or regulations relating to the export or import of property containing such protected or regulated material.

#### (c) US import ban on African elephant ivory

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The USA prohibits the import of ivory from the African elephant.
Any lot containing elephant ivory or other wildlife material that could be easily confused with elephant ivory (for example, mammoth ivory, walrus ivory, helmeted hornbill ivory) can only be imported into the US with results of a rigorous scientific test acceptable to Fish & Wildlife, which confirms that the material is anot African elephant ivory. Where we have conducted such rigorous scientific testing on a **lot** prior to sale, we will make this clear in the lot description. In all other cases, we cannot confirm whether a **lot** contains African elephant ivory, and you will buy that lot at your own risk and be responsible for any scientific test or other reports required for import into the USA at your own cost. If such scientific test is inconclusive or confirms the material is from the African elephant, we will not be obliged to cancel your purchase and refund the purchase price.

#### (d) Lots of Iranian origin

Some countries prohibit or restrict the purchase and/or import of Iranian-origin 'works of conventional craftsmanship' (works that are not by a recognised artist and/or that have a function, for example bowls, ewers, tiles, ornamental boxes). For example, the USA prohibits the import of this type of property and its purchase by US persons (wherever located). Other countries only permit the import of this property in certain circumstances. As a convenience to buyers, Christie's indicates under the title of a **lot** if the **lot** originates from Iran (Persia). It is your responsibility to ensure you do not bid on or import a lot in contravention of the sanctions or trade embargoes at apply to you.

#### (e) Gold

Gold of less than 18ct does not qualify in all countries as 'gold' and may be refused import into those countries as 'gold'.

#### (f) Jewellery over 50 years old

Under current laws, jewellery over 50 years old which is worth £39,219 or more will require an export licence which we can apply for on your behalf. It may take up to eight weeks to obtain the export iewellery licence.

#### (a) Watches

Many of the watches offered for sale in this catalogue are pictured with straps made of endangered or protected animal materials such as alligator or crocodile. These lots are marked with the symbol  $\Psi$  in the catalogue. These endangered species straps are shown for display purposes only and are not for sale. Christie's will remove and retain the strap prior to shipment from the sale site. At some sale sites, Christie's may, at its discretion, make the displayed endangered species strap available to the buyer of the lot free of charge if collected in person from the sale site within one year of the date of the sale. Please check with the department for details on a particular **lot**.

For all symbols and other markings referred to in paragraph H2, please note that **lots** are marked as a convenience to you, but we do not accept liability for errors or for failing to mark **lots**.

#### **OUR LIABILITY TO YOU**

(a) We give no **warranty** in relation to any statement made, or information given, by us or our representatives or employees, about any lot other than as set out in the authenticity warranty and, as any bother than as set out in the admended warrang and, as far as we are allowed by law, all warranties and other terms which may be added to this agreement by law are excluded. The seller's warranties contained in paragraph E1 are their own and we do not

have any liability to you in relation to those warranties.
(b) (i) We are not responsible to you for any reason (whether for breaking this agreement or any other matter relating to your purchase of, or bid for, any **lot**) other than in the event of fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation by us or other than as expressly set out in these Conditions of Sale; or

in these Conditions or sale; or (ii) We do not give any representation, warranty or guarantee or assume any liability of any kind in respect of any lot with regard to merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, description, size, quality, condition, attribution, authenticity, rarity, importance, medium, provenance, exhibition history, literature, or historical relevance. Except as required by local law, any warranty of any kind is exactlying the province of the provinc is excluded by this paragraph.

(c) In particular, please be aware that our written and telephone bidding services, Christie's LIVE", condition reports, currency converter and saleroom video screens are free services and we are not responsible to you for any error (human or otherwise), omission or breakdown in these services.

(d) We have no responsibility to any person other than a buyer in connection with the purchase of any lot.

(e) If, in spite of the terms in paragraphs (a) to (d) or E2(i) above, we are found to be liable to you for any reason, we shall not have to pay more than the **purchase price** paid by you to us. We will not be responsible to you for any reason for loss of profits or business, loss of opportunity or value, expected savings or interest, costs, damages,

#### OTHER TERMS

#### OUR ABILITY TO CANCEL

In addition to the other rights of cancellation contained in this agreement, we can cancel a sale of a **lot** if: (i) any of your warranties in paragraph E3 are not correct; (ii) we reasonably believe that completing the transaction is or may be unlawful; or (iii) we reasonably believe that the sale places us or the seller under any liability to anyone else or may damage our reputation.

#### 2 RECORDINGS

We may videotape and record proceedings at any auction. We will keep any personal information confidential, except to the extent disclosure is required by law. However, we may, through this process, use or share these recordings with another Christie's Group company and marketing partners to analyse our customers and to help us to tailor our services for buyers. If you do not want to be videotaped, you may make arrangements to make a telephone or written bid or bid on Christie's LIVE™ instead. Unless we agree otherwise in writing, you may not videotape or record proceedings at any auction.

#### 3 COPYRIGHT

We own the copyright in all images, illustrations and written material produced by or for us relating to a **lot** (including the contents of our catalogues unless otherwise noted in the catalogue). You cannot use them without our prior written permission. We do not offer any guarantee that you will gain any copyright or other reproduction rights to the lot.

#### 4 ENFORCING THIS AGREEMENT

If a court finds that any part of this agreement is not valid or is illegal or impossible to enforce, that part of the agreement will be treated as being deleted and the rest of this agreement will not be affected.

#### 5 TRANSFERRING YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

You may not grant a security over or transfer your rights or responsibilities under these terms on the contract of sale with the buyer unless we have given our written permission. This agreement will be binding on your successors or estate and anyone who takes over your rights and responsibilities.

#### **6 TRANSLATIONS**

If we have provided a translation of this agreement, we will use this original version in deciding any issues or disputes which arise under this agreement.

#### 7 PERSONAL INFORMATION

We will hold and process your personal information and may pass it to another **Christie's Group** company for use as described in, and in line with, our privacy notice at **www.christies.com/about-us/** contact/privacy

No failure or delay to exercise any right or remedy provided under these Conditions of Sale shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy, nor shall it prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy shall prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.

#### 9 LAW AND DISPUTES

This agreement, and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this agreement, or any other rights you may have relating to the purchase of a **lot** will be governed by the laws of England and Wales. Before we or you start any court proceedings (except in the limited circumstances where the dispute, controversy or claim is related to proceedings brought by someone else and this dispute could be joined to those proceedings), we agree we will each try to settle the dispute by mediation following the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) Model Mediation Procedure. We will use a mediator affiliated with CEDR who we and you agree to. If the dispute is not settled by mediation, you agree for our benefit that the dispute will be referred to and dealt with exclusively in the courts of England and Wales. However, we will have the right to bring proceedings against you in any other court.

#### 10 REPORTING ON WWW.CHRISTIES.COM

Details of all lots sold by us, including catalogue descriptions and prices, may be reported on www.christies.com. Sales totals are hammer price plus buyer's premium and do not reflect costs, financing fees, or application of buyer's or seller's credits. We reget that we cannot agree to requests to remove these details from www. christies.com

#### K GLOSSARY

authentic: a genuine example, rather than a copy or forgery of: (i) the work of a particular artist, author or manufacturer, if the **lot** is described in the **Heading** as the work of that artist, author or manufacturer:

(ii) a work created within a particular period or culture, if the **lot** is described in the **Heading** as a work created during that period or culture;

(iii) a work for a particular origin source if the **lot** is described in the

(iv) in the case of gems, a work which is made of a particular material, if the lot is described in the Heading as being made of that material.

authenticity warranty: the guarantee we give in this agreement that a lot is authentic as set out in section F2 of this agreement

buyer's premium: the charge the buyer pays us along with the hammer price.

catalogue description: the description of a lot in the catalogue for the auction, as amended by any saleroom notice.

**Christie's Group:** Christie's International Plc, its subsidiaries and other companies within its corporate group.

condition: the physical condition of a lot. due date: has the meaning given to it in paragraph F1(a).

estimate: the price range included in the catalogue or any saleroom notice within which we believe a lot may sell. Low estimate means the lower figure in the range and high estimate means the higher figure. The mid estimate is the midpoint between the two.

hammer price: the amount of the highest bid the auctioneer accepts for the sale of a **lot**.

Heading: has the meaning given to it in paragraph E2.

lot: an item to be offered at auction (or two or more items to be offered at auction as a group).

other damages: any special, consequential, incidental or indirect damages of any kind or any damages which fall within the meaning of 'special', 'incidental' or 'consequential' under local law.

purchase price: has the meaning given to it in paragraph F1(a).

**provenance:** the ownership history of a **lot**.

qualified: has the meaning given to it in paragraph E2 and Qualified Headings means the section headed Qualified Headings on the page of the catalogue headed 'Important Notices and Explanation of Cataloguing Practice'.

reserve: the confidential amount below which we will not sell a lot. saleroom notice: a written notice posted next to the lot in the saleroom and on www.christies.com, which is also read to prospective telephone bidders and notified to clients who have left commission bids, or an announcement made by the auctioneer either at the beginning of the sale, or before a particular lot is auctioned. **UPPER CASE type:** means having all capital letters.

warranty: a statement or representation in which the person making it guarantees that the facts set out in it are correct.

## VAT SYMBOLS AND EXPLANATION

You can find a glossary explaining the meanings of words coloured in bold on this page at the end of the section of the catalogue headed 'Conditions of Sale' VAT payable

Symbol		
No Symbol	We will use the VAT Margin Scheme. No VAT will be charged on the <b>hammer price</b> . VAT at 20% will be added to the <b>buyer's premium</b> but will not be shown separately on our invoice.	
† 0	We will invoice under standard VAT rules and VAT will be charged at 20% on both the hammer price and buyer's premium and shown separately on our invoice.  For qualifying books only, no VAT is payable on the hammer price or the buyer's premium.	
*	These <b>lots</b> have been imported from outside the EU for sale and placed under the Temporary Admission regime.  Import VAT is payable at 5% on the <b>hammer price</b> . VAT at 20% will be added to the <b>buyer's premium</b> but will not be shown separately on our invoice.	
Ω	These <b>lots</b> have been imported from outside the EU for sale and placed under the Temporary Admission regime. Customs Duty as applicable will be added to the <b>hammer price</b> and Import VAT at 20% will be charged on the Duty Inclusive <b>hammer price</b> . VAT at 20% will be added to the <b>buyer's premium</b> but will not be shown separately on our invoice.	
α	The VAT treatment will depend on whether you have registered to bid with an EU or non-EU address:  If you register to bid with an address within the EU you will be invoiced under the VAT Margin Scheme (see No Symbol above).  If you register to bid with an address outside of the EU you will be invoiced under standard VAT rules (see ¹ symbol above)	
‡	For wine offered 'in bond' only. If you choose to buy the wine in bond no Excise Duty or Clearance VAT will be charged on the <b>hammer</b> . If you choose to buy the wine out of bond Excise Duty as applicable will be added to the <b>hammer price</b> and Clearance VAT at 20% will be charged on the Duty inclusive <b>hammer price</b> . Whether you buy the wine in bond or out of bond, 20% VAT will be added to the buyer's premium and shown on the invoice.	

#### VAT refunds: what can I reclaim?

#### If you are

A non VAT registered UK or EU buyer		No VAT refund is possible	
UK VAT registered buyer	No symbol and $\alpha$	The VAT amount in the buyer's premium cannot be refunded.  However, on request we can re-invoice you outside of the VAT Margin Scheme under normal UK VAT rules (as if the lot had been sold with a ¹ symbol). Subject to HMRC's rules, you can then reclaim the VAT charged through your own VAT return.	
	$\star$ and $\Omega$	Subject to HMRC's rules, you can reclaim the Import VAT charged on the <b>hammer price</b> through your own VAT return when you are in receipt of a C79 form issued by HMRC. The VAT amount in the <b>buyer's premium</b> is invoiced under Margin Scheme rules so cannot normally be claimed back. However, if you request to be re-invoiced outside of the Margin Scheme under standard VAT rules (as if the <b>lot</b> had been sold with a † symbol) then, subject to HMRC's rules, you can reclaim the VAT charged through your own VAT return.	
EU VAT registered buyer	No Symbol and $\alpha$	The VAT amount in the buyer's premium cannot be refunded. However, on request we can re-invoice you outside of the VAT Margin Scheme under normal UK VAT rules (as if the lot had been sold with a † symbol). See below for the rules that would then apply.	
	t	If you provide us with your EU VAT number we will not charge VAT on the <b>buyer's premium</b> . We will also refund the VAT on the <b>hammer price</b> if you ship the <b>lot</b> from the UK and provide us with proof of shipping, within three months of collection.	
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JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT (1960-1988)

Untitled

oilstick and coloured pencil on paper

41% x 29%in. (106 x 75.3cm.)

Executed in 1987

£400,000 - £600,000

# POST-WAR & CONTEMPORARY ART DAY AUCTION

London, 5 October 2018

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28 September - 4 October 2018 8 King Street London SW1Y 6QT

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Property from The Collection of Fabio and Grazia Sargentini, Rome LEONCILLO (1915-1968)

Grande mutilazione (Large Mutilation)

signed 'Leoncillo' (on the side)

gres and enamel

85% x 15% x 15%in. (218 x 39 x 39cm.)

Executed in 1962

£350,000-500,000

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A SAMANID DISH
IRAN OR CENTRAL ASIA, 10TH CENTURY
11 ¾ in. (29.9cm.) diam.
£15,000-20,000

# ART OF THE ISLAMIC AND INDIAN WORLDS, INCLUDING ORIENTAL RUGS AND CARPETS

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PROPERTY OF AN IMPORTANT PRIVATE COLLECTOR

Jeff Koons (B. 1955)

Cracked Egg (Blue)

mirror-polished stainless steel with transparent colour coating

(i) 65 x 62% x 62% in. (165.1 x 159.1 x 159.1cm.)

(ii) 39% x 62% x 62% in. (100 x 159.1 x 159.1cm.)

Executed in 1994-2006, this work is one of five unique versions

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(eg UK£4,200, 4,500, 4,800)

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by UK£5,000s

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