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Total: £273,276 Lots Offered: 327 Lots Sold: 257 \$515,399 Sold by Lot: 79% Sold by £: 90%

€394,337 Sale No: 5557 Exchange Rate: \$1.886/€1.443

| Top L<br>Lot  | ots<br>£ | \$ | €                            | Estimate  | Buyer     |
|---|----------|----|------------------------------|---|-----------|
| 51 £14,400 \$27,158 €20,779 £8,000-12,000 Anonymous An ivory netsuke of two wrestlers, signed Toshinaga, 19 <sup>th</sup> century |          |    |                              |   |           |
|   | $\sim$ . |    | €16,450<br>d cover, late 19t | $\sim$ .  | Anonymous |
| 41<br>A Chir  |          |    |                              | £800-1,200<br>nythical beast, 19 <sup>th</sup> cent | Anonymous |

## Comment: Ingrid Collingridge, Director of Asian Art Department, Christie's South Kensington:

"There was an enormous amount of pre-sale interest in the first Asian art sale of 2005 through the Christie's website with over 28,000 hits. This translated into a very busy room with highly competitive bidding on ten telephone lines. Private properties were the most sought after with fifty Japanese netsuke belonging to an European collector and a selection of Bokara metalwork from the Estate of the late Kate Kemper far exceeding auction expectations."