

CHRISTIE'S

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Bibliotheca Bibliographica Breslaueriana – The First Portion - March 21, 2005

Sold: \$2,662,980 **Lots offered:** 150 **Lots sold:** 150 **£:** \$1.92/€:\$1.33
 £1,386,968 **Sold by lot:** 100% **Sold by \$:** 100% **Sale No:** 1593
 €2,002,240

COMMENT: Felix de Marez Oyens, International Director and Francis Wahlgren, Head of the Books and Manuscripts department: "The result of the first portion of this extraordinary sale was nothing short of spectacular. The auction was one hundred percent sold and the total nearly doubled the pre-sale low estimate. The exceptionally fine condition and the important bindings and provenances made collectors, institutions and booksellers stretch to acquire books from the most highly bibliophile reference library ever assembled. The market's enthusiasm may be seen as a tribute to Dr. Breslauer's taste and discrimination in rare bibliography. If one single book in the sale is to be singled out, it has to be the Henry van de Velde inlaid morocco binding, whose splendid technique matches its bold Art-Nouveau mosaic design."

LOT	PRICE	ESTIMATE	BUYER
2	\$240,000 £125,000/€180,451	\$120,000-160,000	New York Trade
<i>Richardus de Bury (1281-1345). Philobiblon. Cologne, 1473.</i>			
29	\$168,000 £87,500/€126,315	\$150,000-200,000	New York Trade
<i>The Lauderdale set of early English auction catalogues, seventy-one 17th century catalogues. Mostly London or Oxford, 1674-1701.</i>			
			on behalf of The Grolier Club
116	\$156,000 £81,250/€117,293	\$50,000-70,000	European Trade
<i>Burlington Fine Arts Club – Exhibition of Bookbindings. Art Nouveau binding designed by Henry van de Velde and executed c. 1897-98</i>			
55	\$84,000 £43,750/€63,157	\$50,000-70,000	New York Private
<i>Gayot, François-Marie (d.1768) and Félix-Louis (1733-69) – Catalogue des livres... Strasbourg, 1762.</i>			
45	\$66,000 £34,375/€49,624	\$35,000-45,000	Paris Trade
<i>Adélaïde, Madame de France (1732-1800) – Catalogue des livres de Mme. Adélaïde. [Versailles, ca.1753-54].</i>			
48	\$57,600 £30,000/€43,308	\$10,000-150,000	New York Private
<i>Debure, Guillaume-François (1731-82). Bibliographie instructive: ou traité ... Paris: Didot for Debure Le Jeune, 1763-69.</i>			
87	\$57,600 £30,000/€43,308	\$40,000-60,000	New England Private
<i>[Jefferson, Thomas (1743-1826) and George Waterson (1815-29)]. Catalogue of the Library of the United States. Washington, DC: printed by Jonathan Elliot, 1815.</i>			
114	\$55,200 £28,750/€41,503	\$35,000-45,000	New York Trade
<i>Morris, William (1834-96). Catalogue of the books of William Morris ... Hammersmith, c. 1890</i>			
39	\$54,000 £28,125/€40,601	\$10,000-15,000	European Trade
<i>Paris, Bibliothèque du Roi – Catalogus codicum manusccriptorum... – Catalogue des livres imprimés ...Paris: Imprimerie Royale, 1739-53.</i>			
4	\$54,000 £28,125/€40,601	\$20,000-30,000	New York Private
<i>Trithemius, Johannes (1462-1516). Liber de Scriptoribus Ecclesiasticis. Basel: Johann Amerbach, 1494. Contemporary German (Limburg) binding.</i>			