

# CHRISTIE'S

## Photographs

New York – Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Sale no: 2155 – Top Lots

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

<b>Sold:</b>	<b>\$1,554,250</b>	<b>£1,079,340</b>	<b>€1,168,609</b>
Lots Sold: 82	Lots Offered: 115	Sold by Lot: 71%	Sold by \$: 66%
Exchange Rate: £ = \$1.44 / € = \$1.33			

Lot	Description	Estimate (\$)	Purchase Price	Buyer
22	ROBERT MAPPLETHORPE, <i>Calla Lily</i> , 1988, gelatin silver print	100,000 - 150,000	\$122,500 £85,069 €92,105	European Private
72	RICHARD AVEDON, <i>Dovima with Elephants, Evening Dress by Dior, Cirque d'Hiver, Paris, August 1955</i> , gelatin silver print, printed no later than 1979	70,000 - 100,000	\$116,500 £80,902 €87,594	US Private
117	DANNY LYON, <i>Conversations with the Dead, 1967-68, 1983</i> . 76 gelatin silver prints	50,000 - 70,000	\$56,250 £39,063 €42,293	Institution

Comment: Philippe Garner, International Head of Photographs, said: "We are pleased with a solid sold percentage, confirming the demand for correctly estimated works of good quality. Our top price underscores the continuing and high collector interest in exceptional works by Robert Mapplethorpe. A group of prints by Helmut Newton completed the dispersal of the Constantiner Collection [Part I, Dec 2008, and Part II, Feb 2009], which has achieved a grand total of \$8,828,375, resulting in the highest total ever for a private collection of photographs. Today's sale brings the year total of Photographs sales at Christie's to \$2,464,500."

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Date and Location of Next Sale

London, South Kensington – Photobooks, May 19, 2009