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 [All sold prices include buyer's premium]

**Russian Paintings & Works of Art &
 Property from the Collection of Ambassador Charles R. Crane**

April 24, 2006

Sold: \$15,046,680	Lots offered: 193	Lots sold: 136	£: \$1.78/€: \$1.23
£8,453,191	Sold by lot: 70%	Sold by \$: 89%	Sale No: 1779/1651
€12,233,073			

COMMENT: Alexis de Tiesenhausen, International Head of Russian Works of Art at Christie's, said, "The result of today's sale proves that the market is as selective as ever. Collectors are more and more attracted to paintings of the highest quality, as reflected in the incredible results of Serebriakova's *Sleeping Nude*, Aivazovskii's *Moonlight* and Benois' *Promenade of Empress Elizabeth*. We are equally as thrilled with the results of the exceptional collection of Charles R. Crane, which established four world records, including one for the top lot of the day, a splendid reduced version of *The Abolition of Serfdom* by Alphonse Mucha. My colleagues and I will use today's results as a guideline as we build our London sale, to be held in the fall."

LOT	PRICE	ESTIMATE	BUYER
25	\$1,472,000 £826,966/€1,196,748	\$1,500,000-2,500,000	Private
Alphonse Mucha, <i>Reduced version of The Abolition of Serfdom in Russia</i> , oil on canvas WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST			
120	\$1,416,000 £795,506/ €1,151,220	\$300,000-400,000	Private
Zinaida Evgen'evna Serebriakova, <i>Sleeping Nude</i> , oil on canvas WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST			
7	\$1,136,000 £638,202/€923,577	\$400,000-600,000	UK Trade
Grigorii Ivanovich Gabashvili, <i>The Bazaar in Samarkand</i> , oil on canvas WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST			
140	\$1,136,000 £628,202/ €923,577	\$1,000,000-1,500,000	Private
Ivan Konstantinovich Aivazovskii, <i>Moonlight</i> , oil on canvas			
161	\$856,000 £480,899/ €695,935	\$250,000-350,000	Private
Nikolai Konstantinovich Rerikh [Roerich], <i>Tsong-Kha-Pa</i> , from the series <i>Banners of the East</i> , tempera on canvas WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST			
19	\$486,400 £273,258/€375,447	\$250,000-350,000	Private
Boris Dmitrievich Grigoriev, <i>Landscape on the Island of Bréhat</i> , oil on canvas			
240	\$486,400 £273,258 / €395,447	\$200,000-300,000	Private
A pair of silver candelabra, marked with Nicholls and Plincke, with the Imperial Warrant, 1863			
130	\$464,000 £260,674 / €377,236	\$100,000-150,000	Private
Vladimir Donatovich Orlovskii, <i>Out at Pasture, Summer</i> , oil on canvas WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST			
28	\$441,600 £248,090/€359,024	\$80,000-140,000	Private
Aleksandr Nikolaevich Benois, <i>Promenade of Empress Elizabeth</i> , pencil, gouache and watercolor on paper WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST			
10	\$441,600 £248,090/€359,024	\$200,000-300,000	Private
Edwin Lord Weeks, <i>Meeting at the Steps of a Temple Gateway, Muttra</i> , oil on canvas			