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CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK APRIL PHOTOGRAPHS WEEK TOTALS \$11.2 MILLION

First-Ever Auction Devoted to Horst P. Horst Realizes \$2.5 Million

Spring 2007 Photographs Sales In New York Total \$16.7 Million

Photographs at Christie's New York April 23-24, 2007

New York – Over the past two days, three important auctions of photographs were held at Christie's New York, including two significant single-owner sales with dedicated individual catalogues, *Horst: Photographs from the Collection of Gert Elfering* and *Modernist Photographs from a European Collection*, and the various-owner *Photographs* sale. In their entirety, the sales totaled an impressive \$11,176,200.

Coupled with the two Photographs sales held this February at the Rockefeller salerooms, which included the much-celebrated \$4.3 million *Photographs From The Estate Of Thomas T. Solley* auction, the total for Christie's Spring 2007 Photograph sales stands at \$16,736,460. The presentation to the market of these five diverse auctions, with carefully-crafted and curated catalogues, illustrates Christie's continued commitment to the further development and appreciation of the international photographs market.

Philippe Garner, International Head of Photographs, and Josh Holdeman, International Director, Photographs, say: "With over \$11 million realized this week, and with \$16.7 million in total sales in New York this year, Christie's confirms its continued strength in this buoyant field. We are thrilled by the further expansion and depth of international photographs marketplace. We opened the week with a sale dedicated to Horst P. Horst and in the process set a new auction record for the artist and sold 50 lots for a total in excess of \$2.5 million. During the course of the three sales, we were thrilled to have reset our own world record for Irving Penn, as well as a number of other masters, including Polidori and Siskind.

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