

CHRISTIE'S

The Imperial Sale

Important Chinese Ceramics & Works of Art

Hong Kong – Wednesday, 27 May, 2009 - Sale no: 2711 - Top Ten

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

Sold: HK\$ 322,938,250	US\$ 41,562,153	£ 26,287,174	€ 29,968,670
Lots Sold: 127	Lots Offered: 186	Sold by Lot: 68%	Sold by HK\$: 87%
Exchange Rate: HK\$1 = US\$ 0.1287/£ 0.0814/€ 0.0928			

Lot	Description	Estimate (HK\$)	Purchase Price	Buyer
1818	An Exceptionally Rare Pair of Imperial Gilt-Bronze 'Dragon' Ritual Bells, <i>Bianzhong</i> Kangxi cast marks, corresponding to 1715, and of the Period Auction Record for Kangxi Imperial Ritual Bells	10,000,000-15,000,000	HK\$45,460,000 US\$5,850,702 £3,700,444 €4,218,688	Littleton & Hennessy
1825	A Fine and Very Rare Blue and White 'Dragon' Bottle Vase Yongzheng six-character mark within double-circles and of the Period (1723-1735)	12,000,000-18,000,000	HK\$30,900,000 US\$3,976,830 £2,515,260 €2,867,520	Littleton & Hennessy
1830	A Magnificent and Very Rare Underglaze-blue Amphora-form vase Qianlong six-character sealmark and of the Period (1736-1795)	Estimate on Request	HK\$ 29,780,000 US\$ 3,832,686 £ 2,424,092 € 2,763,584	Asian Private
1829	A Rare Moulded Celadon-glazed Vase, <i>Tianqiuping</i> Qianlong six-character sealmark and of the Period (1736-1795)	2,000,000-3,000,000	HK\$ 26,420,000 US\$ 3,400,254 £ 2,150,588 € 2,451,776	Asian Private
1841	An Exceptional Imperial Chinese Ormolu, Enamel and Paste-set Striking, Musical and Automaton 'Jardiniere' clock Guangzhou workshops, Qianlong Period (1736-1795), late 18 th century	10,000,000-15,000,000	HK\$ 15,220,000 US\$ 1,958,814 £ 1,238,908 € 1,412,416	Asian Private
1807	An Exceptionally Rare Ming Blue and White 'Kui Dragon' Stembowl Chenghua Period (1465-1487)	6,000,000-8,000,000	HK\$ 12,980,000 US\$ 1,670,526 £ 1,056,572 € 1,204,544	Asian Private
1809	A Fine and Exceptionally rare Ming Blue and White 'Boys' Jar Jiajing six-character mark within double-circles and of the Period (1522-1566)	Estimate on Request	HK\$ 11,860,000 US\$ 1,526,382 £ 965,404 € 1,100,608	Asian Private
1831	A Fine and Rare Copper-Red Decorated 'Dragon' Vase, <i>Yuhuchunping</i> Qianlong six-character sealmark and of the Period (1736-1795)	4,000,000-6,000,000	HK\$ 11,300,000 US\$ 1,454,310 £ 919,820 € 1,048,640	Asian Private

1906	An Important and Extremely Rare Mother-of-Pearl Inlaid Sealbox, tray and cover Yuan dynasty (1279-1368)	2,000,000-3,000,000	HK\$ 9,620,000 US\$ 1,238,094 £ 783,068 € 892,736	Anonymous
1813	An Important and Very Rare Imperial Mother-of-Pearl Inlaid Black Lacquer Incense Stand, <i>Xiangji</i> Ming Dynasty, 15 th /16 th Century	5,000,000-7,000,000	HK\$ 9,020,000 US\$ 1,160,874 £ 734,228 € 837,056	Asian Private

"We are extremely pleased with the exceptional results of today's sale of *Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art*. There was fiercely competitive bidding on the phones and in a packed auction room between local and international clients. In a sale in which 64% of the lots sold over the high estimate, a new record was achieved for two previously unseen Imperial ritual bronze Dragon bells which sold for HK\$45.4 million/US\$5.85 million, while a rare celadon-glazed *tianqingping* vase, Qianlong period, from a private European collection, which sold more than 12 times the estimate. We are delighted that the market for Chinese works of art continues to go from strength to strength. We saw consistent global interest across a wide range of fine works of art including imperial ceramics, jades, furniture and lacquer among others, reflecting an enduring appreciation by collectors worldwide for rare works of exceptional quality which are attractively estimated," says **Pola Antebi, Senior Vice President, Specialist Head of the Chinese Ceramics & Works of Art Department, Christie's**.

Images of the top ten lots and select auction shots can be downloaded here:

<http://cshk.myftp.org/2009%20Christie's%20Hong%20Kong%20Spring%20Auctions/CeramicsAndWorksOfArt/>

To view auction results, please click here:

<http://www.christies.com/LotFinder/searchresults.aspx?intSaleID=22529#action=refine&intSaleID=22529&sid=15dc05ce-a5ce-4f24-bf67-5c13992f4f42>

Press Contact

Kate Swan Malin, (+852) 2978 9966, kmalin@christies.com
Gillian Leung, (+852) 2978 6736, gleung@christies.com
Yvonne So, (+852) 2978 9919, yso@christies.com