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Antiquities

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Sold: \$5,233,460	Lots offered: 184	Lots sold: 120	£: \$1.83/€:\$1.23
£2,859,814	Sold by lot: 65%	Sold by \$: 83%	Sale No: 1531
€4,254,846			

COMMENT: "Today's sale was a great triumph, with the extremely rare and beautiful Anatolian marble idol, popularly called a "Stargazer," leading the day, selling for an exceptional \$1,808,000," said G. Max Bernheimer, Christie's International Head for Antiquities and Molly Morse Limmer, Specialist in the department. "This is a world auction record for a Kiliya idol and more than doubles the previous auction record for a "Stargazer." It was also by far the highest price for any antiquity sold at auction worldwide this Spring season. For works of art of the highest quality there was incredible enthusiasm, primarily from international private buyers as well as from institutions and trade clients. The splendid Roman marble cuirassed statue soared to \$576,000, while the beautiful Roman marble Isis achieved \$240,000. The Egyptian section was led by a Royal shabti for the Nubian king Senkamenisen at \$138,000, and a limestone relief from the Old Kingdom, which sold for \$96,000 immediately after the sale. An appealing South Arabian alabaster lion fetched more than five times the estimate selling for \$114,000. The sold total for the day was well over \$5,000,000, reaffirming Christie's dominant market share in this field. We look forward with great anticipation to our December sales of Antiquities and Ancient Jewelry."

LOT	PRICE	ESTIMATE	BUYER
37	\$1,808,000 £987,978/€1,469,919	estimate on request	Anonymous
An Anatolian marble female idol of Kiliya type, Chalcolithic Period, ca 3300-2500 BC			
WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A KILIYA IDOL			
157	\$576,000 £314,754/€468,293	\$150,000-250,000	US Private
A Roman marble cuirassed statue, ca 1 st century AD			
169	\$240,000 £131,148/€195,122	\$70,000-90,000	Institution
A Roman marble Isis, ca 2 nd century AD			
122	\$192,000 £104,918/€156,098	\$200,000-300,000	Private
A Roman mosaic glass ribbed bowl, ca late 1 st century BC – mid 1 st century AD			
17	\$138,000 £75,410/€112,195	\$60,000-80,000	European Priv.
A Nubian serpentine shabti for the King Senkamenisen, Sudan, Napatan Period, 643-623 BC			
165	\$120,000 £65,574/€97,561	\$100,000-150,000	US Trade
A Roman marble head of a ram, ca 1 st century BC – 1 st century AD			
56	\$114,000 £62,295/€92,683	\$20,000-30,000	European Priv.
A South Arabian alabaster lion, ca 1 st century BC – 1 st century AD			
177	\$102,000 £55,738/€82,927	\$90,000-120,000	US Private
A Roman bronze cavalry parade helmet, ca 2 nd century AD			
118	\$96,000 £52,459/€78,049	\$80,000-120,000	US Private
A Greek bronze figure of an African, Hellenistic Period, ca late 2 nd – early 1 st century BC			
173	\$93,600 £51,148/€76,098	\$50,000-80,000	US Trade
A monumental fragmentary Roman marble Venus, ca 2 nd century AD			