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# CHRISTIE'S NEW YORK TOTALS \$36,528,788 FOR ASIAN ART WEEK



Tyeb Mehta, *Mahishasura*, 1994, acrylic on canvas Estimate: \$600,000 - 800,000, Price Realized: \$1,280,900

**New York** – Christie's leads the Asian Art market with \$36,582,788 million achieved over four days of sales, September 14 through 17.

Theow H. Tow, Deputy Chairman, Christie's Americas and Asia, said: "This season's sales totaling US\$36,582,788 million have shown yet again the strength and the depth of the Asian art market in New York. The impressive results reflect the rapidly growing international enthusiasm for classical and contemporary art. All sales were attended by collectors from America, Asia, and Europe and garnered particular interest online, with active participation on the telephones from all around the world. I am delighted that Christie's continue to be the market leader in Asian art and we look forward to our next sales in London and Hong Kong in November.

## **OVERVIEW OF ASIAN ART WEEK SALES**

	Top Lot	Description	Estimate (\$)	Purchase Price
	Property from the Arth Total Sold: \$3,285,875	ur M. Sackler Collections - Sept Sold by Lot: 97% Sold	tember 14 l by \$:99 %	
		tual Food Vessel, <i>Gui</i> , Early Dynasty, 12 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Century BC	20,000 - 30,000	\$362,500
	Fine Chinese Cerar Total Sold: \$20,659,175	nics and Works of Art – Septem Sold by Lot: 83 % Sold	ber 15 l by \$: 95%	
	237 and Cover, Da Reign of the Em	inperially Inscribed <i>Zitan</i> Stand atted to the <i>Wu Xu</i> Year of the aperor Qianlong, Corresponding 78, and of the Period	20,000 - 30,000	\$1,426,500
	South Asian Moder Total Sold: \$6,285,900	n + Contemporary Art – Septem Sold by Lot: 63% Sold	aber 16 by \$: 81%	
		ehta, <i>Mahishasura,</i> 1994 acrylic on canvas	600,000 - 800,000	\$1,280,900
Indian and Southeast Asian Art – September 16 Total Sold: \$3,446,838 Sold by Lot: 61% Sold by \$: 78%				
Jean Harris		ant set of seven <i>Thangkas</i> of the ai Lama and his lineage, Tibet circa 1815	250,000 – 350,000	\$566,500
	Japanese ar Total Sold: \$2,905,000	nd Korean Art – September 17 Sold by Lot: 57% Sold	by \$: 64%	
	Named Chigus	Stoneware Tea-Leaf Storage Jar a (Myriad of Flowers), China, ng/Yuan Dynasty (13 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> Century)	100,000 – 150,000	\$622,500

### CHRISTIE'S HONG KONG FALL 2009 AUCTIONS Auctions: November 28 - December 2 | Public viewing: Begins November 27

Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre			
Saturday, 28 November			
3pm	Finest and Rarest Wines		
	Sunday, 29 November		
9.30am	Fine Chinese Modern Paintings		
2pm	Fine Chinese Classical Paintings and Calligraphy		
7pm	Asian Contemporary Art & Chinese 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Art (Evening Sale)		
	Monday, 30 November		
$10.30 \mathrm{am}$	Southeast Asian Modern and Contemporary Art		
2:30pm	Chinese 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Art (Day Sale)		
4.30pm	Asian Contemporary Art (Day Sale)		
	Tuesday, 1 December		
10am	Important Chinese Lacquer from the Lee Family Collection (II)		
11am	Important Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art including Chinese Furniture		
3pm	Jewels: The Hong Kong Sale		
	Wednesday, 2 December		
$10.30 \mathrm{am}$			
& 2:30pm	Important Watches		

#### **About Christie's**

Christie's, the world's leading art business, had global auction and private sales in 2008 that totaled £2.8 billion/\$5.1 billion. For the first half of 2009, art sales totaled £1.2 billion/\$1.8 billion. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service and expertise, as well as international glamour. Founded in 1766 by James Christie, Christie's conducted the greatest auctions of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, and today remains a popular showcase for the unique and the beautiful. Christie's offers over 450 sales annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewelry, photographs, collectibles, wine, and more. Prices range from \$200 to over \$80 million. Christie's has 53 offices in 30 countries and 10 salerooms around the world including London, New York, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Amsterdam, Dubai and Hong Kong. More recently, Christie's has led the market with expanded initiatives in emerging and new markets such as Russia, China, India and the Middle East, with successful sales and exhibitions in Beijing, Mumbai and Dubai.

\*Estimates do not include buyer's premium

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