

CHRISTIE'S

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Indian and Southeast Asian Art Including Modern and Contemporary Indian Art

September 21, 2005

Sold: \$11,328,020	Lots offered: 366	Lots sold: 248	£: \$1.79/€:\$1.21
£6,328,502	Sold by lot: 68%	Sold by \$: 85%	Sale No: 1552
€9,362,000			

COMMENT: Yamini Mehta, Head Specialist for Modern and Contemporary Indian Art and Hugo Weihe, International Director Asian Art: "Today's sale of *Indian and Southeast Asian Art Including Modern and Contemporary Indian Art* set another milestone for the contemporary Indian art community. Exceptional classical Indian sculpture as well as Tibetan painting also attracted strong international bidding in the morning session. Only three years after the historic sale at Christie's in which Tyeb Mehta's *Celebration* surpassed the \$100,000 mark, realizing the record price of \$317,500, *Mahisasura*, a work by the same artist, effortlessly exceeded the \$1,000,000 threshold today. The striking red/black/white painting achieved \$1,584,000 (Rs.69,458,400) - a new world auction record for any contemporary Indian painting - and was acquired by an Indian collector living in North America. In total the sale set 13 new world auction records, including for key artists such as Mehta, Husain and Padamsee. We are elated to have been able to provide the international platform Indian art clearly deserves."

LOT	PRICE	ESTIMATE	BUYER
275	\$1,584,000 £884,916/€1,309,000	\$600,000-800,000	U.S. Private
Tyeb Mehta, <i>Mahisasura</i> , 1997			

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR ANY CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PAINTING

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST

301	\$486,400 £271,731/€401,983	\$300,000-500,000	Indian Private
Maqbool Fida Husain, <i>Trial</i> , 1969			

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST

342	\$419,200 £234,189/€346,446	\$140,000-180,000	U.S. Private
Akbar Padamsee, <i>Mirror Image</i> , 2004			

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST

317	\$385,600 £215,418/€318,677	\$80,000-120,000	Indian Private
Ram Kumar, <i>Untitled (Benares)</i> , 1981			

289	\$284,800 £159,106/€235,371	\$80,000-100,000	Indian Private
Francis Newton Souza, <i>Girl with hairpin and girdle</i> , 1957			

TIES THE WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST

291	\$262,400 £146,592/€216,859	\$60,000-80,000	U.S. Private
Francis Newton Souza, <i>Untitled (Still Life)</i> , 1958			

321	\$262,400 £146,592/€216,859	\$50,000-70,000	Indian Private
Ram Kumar, <i>Untitled (Laddakh landscape)</i> , 1983			

123	\$192,000 £107,262/€158,677	\$80,000-100,000	East Asian Private
A polychromed black stone stele of <i>Mahakala</i> , Tibet, 12 th /13 th century			

364	\$180,000 £100,558/€148,760	\$40,000-60,000	East Asian Private
Atul Dodiya, <i>My School in Angkor</i> , 2005			

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST

124	\$174,000 £97,206/€143,801	\$90,000-110,000	East Asian Private
A thangka of <i>Vajrapani Mahachakra</i> , Tibet, 15 th century			