## **CHRISTIE'S**

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## Fine Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art September 20, 2005

 Sold:
 \$14,488,060
 Lots offered: 500
 Lots sold: 356
 £: \$1.8/€:\$1.2

 £8,048,922
 Sold by lot: 71%
 Sold by \$: 86%
 Sale No: 1551

€12,073,383

**COMMENT:** Theow Tow, Deputy Chairman and International Director Chinese Art: "Today's sale of *Fine Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art* continued the upward movement that has characterized the Chinese art market for the past seasons. Not only did the auction - at \$14.5 million - realize the highest total ever for a various-owner sale of Chinese art in New York, it also further underlined the extraordinary internationalization of the art market. The sale was dominated by mainland as well as overseas Chinese buyers and a world auction record was achieved for a Wang Meng painting, a traditional, Chinese-taste work par excellence. We were delighted to see all other parts of the market equally well-supported and buoyant, most notably jades, enamel cloisonné, archaic bronzes, furniture, lacquer, snuff bottles and ceramics with the Rodriguez Collection of Chinese Ceramics totaling \$1,254,800."

**LOT** PRICE ESTIMATE BUYER
79 \$1,696,000 £942,222/€1,413,333 \$700,000-900,000 U.S. Private

Wang Meng (ca.1309-1385), Fishing in green depths, hanging scroll

## WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST

261 \$1,696,000 £942,222/€1,413,333 \$100,000-150,000 Eskenazi Ltd. A blue and white Persian-inscribed vase, Zhengde mark and of the period (1506-21)

343 \$553,600 £307,555/€461,333 \$400,000-600,000 U.S. Private A Ming-style blue and white moonflask, Yongzheng period (1723-1735)

284 \$531,200 £295,111/€442,666 \$150,000-250,000 Asian Private A *Ge*-style vase, Yongzheng seal mark and of the period (1723-1735)

151 \$464,000 £257,777/€386,666 \$600,000-800,000 U.S. Private A finely cast bronze wine vessel and cover, *you*, Late Shang/Early Western Zhou dynasty, 12<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> century BC

191 \$419,200 £232,888/€349,333 \$200,000-300,000 Anonymous A sancai-glazed pottery figure of a Bactrian camel, Tang dynasty (618-907)

251 \$374,400 £208,000/€312,000 \$10,000-150,000 Asian Private An iron-red-decorated blue and white stem cup, Xuande mark and of the period (1426-35)

104 \$352,000 £195,555/€293,333 \$50,000-70,000 Asian Private An Imperial carved red lacquer screen, Qianlong period (1736-1795)

156 \$352,000 £195,555/€293,333 \$400,000-600,000 Asian Private A bronze set of a pouring vessel and basin, *he* and *pan*, Western Zhou dynasty (1100-771 BC)

89 \$216,000 £120,000/€180,000 \$75,000-80,000 Asian Private A high huanghuali brazier stand, *huopenjia*, 16<sup>th</sup> century