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LA RÊVERIE: THE COLLECTION OF SYDELL MILLER TOTALS \$46,593,000

JUNE 10 SALE TOTALS \$17,956,500
91% SOLD BY LOT | 98% SOLD BY VALUE
56% OF LOTS SELL ABOVE HIGH ESTIMATE
3 NEW AUCTION RECORDS SET



[FRANÇOIS-XAVIER LALANNE \(1927-2008\)](#)
['TROUPEAU D'ÉLÉPHANTS DANS LES ARBRES' TABLE, 2001](#)

Comprising seven free-standing elephant sculptures

Patinated bronze, glass

Estimate: \$1,000,000-1,500,000

Price Realized: \$6,630,000

New York— The June 10 sale of Design and 18th Century furniture from [La Rêverie: The Collection of Sydeell Miller](#) totaled \$17,956,500 and was 91% sold by lot and 98% sold by value, with 220% hammer sold above total low estimate. Bidders participated from 28 countries and 56% of lots sold above their high estimates. During Christie's May marquee sales, fine art from Sydeell Miller's collection totaled \$28,636,500, led by works from [Barbara Hepworth](#), which set a new auction record for the artist, and [Joan Mitchell](#), bringing the collection total to **\$46,593,000**.

Leading the June 10 sale was [François-Xavier Lalanne's 'Troupeau d'Éléphants dans les Arbres' Table, 2001](#), depicting an elephant herd gathering under the branching shelter of an octagonal center table, which sold for \$6,630,000 above the estimate of \$1,000,000-1,500,000, after a prolonged bidding battle.

Top lots of 18th Century furniture which surpassed their high estimates include a [pair of consulat ormolu-mounted and brass-inlaid ebony meubles d'appui by Etienne Levasseur, circa 1800](#), which totalled \$1,062,000 (estimate: \$300,000-500,000), a [pair of Louis XVI ormolu-mounted, pewter and lacquered toile-inlaid ebony and ebonized tables de café by Adam Weisweiler](#) which realized \$1,050,000 (estimate: \$400,000-600,000), and a [a Louis XIV pewter and brass-inlaid ebony, parcel-gilt and boulle marquetry cabinet-on-stand Vienna, circa 1700](#) which sold for \$834,000 (estimate: \$150,000-250,000).

Other design highlights include a regal [pair of 'Sphinx' sculptures by Claude Lalanne](#), which flanked the entryway to La Réverie and sold for \$725,000, a [Diego Giacometti 'Berceau' table, modèle aux chats](#), conceived circa 1970 which totalled \$637,500 and two unique pairs of [commodes by André Dubreuil](#) which sold for \$200,000 each pair.

New world auction records were established for [Leon Bronstein, We Waste No Time at All](#) (\$112,500), [Jacques le Bescond, Claire obscure](#) (\$75,000), and [Peter Schlesinger, Four columns](#) (\$45,000).

NOTABLE RESULTS



[A PAIR OF LOUIS XVI ORMOLU-MOUNTED, PEWTER AND LACQUERED TOLE-INLAID EBONY AND EBONIZED TABLES DE CAFE](#)
BY ADAM WEISWEILER AND PROBABLY SUPPLIED BY DOMINIQUE DAGUERRE, CIRCA 1785
Estimate: \$400,000-600,000
Price Realized: \$1,050,000



[A PAIR OF LATE LOUIS XVI ORMOLU-MOUNTED AND BRASS-INLAID EBONY MEUBLES D'APPUI](#)
CIRCA 1790-1800
BY ETIENNE LEVASSEUR
Estimate: \$300,000-500,000
Price Realized: \$1,062,000



[A LOUIS XIV PEWTER AND BRASS-INLAID EBONY, PARCEL-GILT AND BOULLE MARQUETRY CABINET-ON-STAND VIENNA, CIRCA 1700](#)
Estimate: \$150,000-250,000
Price Realized: \$834,000



[DIEGO GIACOMETTI \(1902-1985\) 'BERCEAU' TABLE, MODÈLE AUX CHATS, CONCEIVED CIRCA 1970](#)
patinated bronze, glass
Estimate: \$300,000-500,000
Price Realized: \$637,500



[ANDRÉ DUBREUIL \(B. 1951\) UNIQUE PAIR OF COMMODES, CIRCA 2001](#)
steel, etched and patinated copper, marble
Estimate: \$120,000-180,000
Price Realized: \$200,000



[CLAUDE LALANNE \(1924-2019\) PAIR OF 'SPHINX' SCULPTURES, 2000](#)
bronze with dark patina
2000
Estimate: \$600,000-800,000
Price Realized: \$725,000

NEW WORLD AUCTION RECORDS



LEON BRONSTEIN (RUSSIAN, B. 1951)
We waste no time at all
bronze with brown and dark green patina
Estimate: \$4,000-6,000
Price Realized: \$112,500



JACQUES LE BESCOND (FRENCH, B. 1945)
Claire obscure
bronze with black and white patina
Estimate: \$10,000-15,000
Price Realized: \$75,000



PETER SCHLESINGER (AMERICAN, B. 1948)
Four columns
glazed stoneware
Estimate: \$4,000-6,000
Price Realized: \$45,000

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