

# CHRISTIE'S

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## For Immediate Release

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

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## Indian and Islamic Art including Indian and Pakistan Modern and Contemporary Works on Paper Friday, 14 October 2005

Total: £425,040	Lots Offered: 393	Lots Sold: 273
\$745,945	Sold by Lot: 69%	Sold by £: 82%
€619,708	Sale No: 5566	Exchange Rate: \$1.755 / €1.458

LOTS	£	\$	€	Estimate	Buyer
225	£13,200	\$23,166	€19,246	£5,000-7,000	Private European
A complete ivory chess set, India, 19 <sup>th</sup> century					
56	£10,800	\$18,954	€15,746	£800-1,200	Private European
A large stone lingam					
1	£10,200	€17,901	€14,872	£2,000-3,000	UK Trade
A Cuerda Seca Safavid pottery tile, Iran, 17 <sup>th</sup> century					

### Comment: Zara Porter Hill, Specialist in charge of the sale:

“Today's successful sale produced strong prices in each of the sections with competitive bidding within the room and on the telephones. One of many highlights was a collection of four Safavid figurative glazed pottery tiles from a private collection which sold for a total of £34,440.

The selection of Indian Modern and Contemporary Works on Paper attracted old and new buyers. Prices ranged from only a few hundred pounds for limited edition prints up to £9,600 for an ink drawing by Francis Newton Souza. We are particularly pleased with the world record price at auction by contemporary Tunisian artist Nja Mahdaoui whose calligraphic composition sold for £7,200.”