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The Italian Sale

London – Monday, 20 October 2008

Sale no: 7618 – Top Ten

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

Sold:	£ 11,010,400	\$19,224,158	€14,225,437
Lots Sold: 32	Lots Offered: 48	Sold by Lot: 69%	Sold by £: 73%
Exchange Rate £:= \$1.746 / €1.292			

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Purchase Price	Buyer
132	Piero Manzoni (1933-1963), <i>Achrome</i> , circa 1959	1,500,000-2,000,000	£1,609,250 \$2,809,751 €2,079,151	European Private
114	Alberto Burri (1915-1995), <i>Rosso</i> , 1953	800,000-1,200,000	£825,250 \$1,440,887 €1,066,223	European Private
103	Giorgio Morandi (1890-1964), <i>Natura morta</i> , circa 1948	400,000-600,000	£802,850 \$1,401,776 €1,037,282	European Private
121	Lucio Fontana (1899-1968), <i>Concetto spaziale</i> , 1962	350,000-550,000	£758,050 \$1,323,555 €979,401	European Private
112	Lucio Fontana (1899-1968), <i>Concetto spaziale</i> , 1957	250,000-350,000	£746,850 \$1,304,000 €964,930	European Private
125	Jannis Kounellis (b. 1936), <i>Untitled</i> , 1960 WORLD RECORD FOR THE ARTIST AT AUCTION	400,000-600,000	£735,650 \$1,284,445 €950,460	European Private
117	Lucio Fontana (1899-1968), <i>Concetto spaziale</i> , <i>Attesa</i> , 1965-66	500,000-700,000	£713,250 \$1,245,335 €921,519	US Private
108	Giorgio Morandi (1890-1964), <i>Natura morta</i> , 1952	350,000-450,000	£457,250 \$798,359 €590,767	Anonymous
119	Domenico Gnoli (1933-1970), <i>Central Partition</i> , 1969	250,000-350,000	£445,250 \$777,407 €575,263	European Private
123	Lucio Fontana (1899-1968), <i>Concetto spaziale</i> , <i>Attesa</i> , 1967	350,000-450,000	£397,250 \$693,599 €513,247	European Private

Comment: Mariolina Bassetti, Head of Sale and Pilar Ordovas, Co-head of Sale: “The exhibition and events leading up to this evening’s auction welcomed many international admirers as Christie’s celebrated 20th century Italian art. The sale saw committed bidding from private collectors for works of the highest quality, reflected in the average lot value which was the highest for this category at Christie’s in London. During the eight years in which Christie’s has held these sales, we have seen lesser known artists become increasingly recognized on this international platform and this evening, auction records were established for Agostino Bonalumi and Giberto Zorio.”

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