

# CHRISTIE'S

## ART OF THE ISLAMIC AND INDIAN WORLDS

King Street – Tuesday, Tuesday, 23 October 2007

Sale no: 7428 – Top Ten

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

<b>Sold:</b>	<b>£5,949,350</b>	\$12,106,927	€8,513,519
Lots Sold: 204	Lots Offered: 329	Sold by Lot: 62%	Sold by £: 91%
Exchange Rate £:= \$2.035 / €1.431			

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Purchase Price	Buyer
20	Qur'an, signed Yahya ibn Muhammad ibn 'Umar, probably Mesopotamia, 1203 AD <b>WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A QUR'AN</b> <b>WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR AN ISLAMIC MANUSCRIPT</b>	250,000 - 350,000	<b>£1,140,500</b> \$2,320,917 €1,632,055	UK Trade
10	An almost complete <i>Kufic</i> Qur'an, North Africa or Near East, early 10 <sup>th</sup> century	400,000 - 600,000	<b>£916,500</b> \$1,865,077 €1,311,511	UK Trade
50	A large Umayyad or early Abbasid green glazed pottery jug, Eastern mediterranean, 8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> century	100,000 - 150,000	<b>£614,100</b> \$1,249,693 €878,777	UK Trade
100	A pair of Timurid carved wooden doors, probably Mazanderan, North Iran, dated AH 892/1487 AD	50,000 - 70,000	<b>£252,500</b> \$513,837 €361,327	Anonymous
74	A Kashan openwork cage ewer, Central Iran, first half 13 <sup>th</sup> century	70,000 - 100,000	<b>£168,500</b> \$342,897 €241,123	Middle Eastern Private
75	A large Seljuk carved wooden panel, Iran, 12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> century	60,000 - 80,000	<b>£156,500</b> \$318,477 €223,951	UK Trade
173	A Safavid silk and silver thread lampas panel, Iran, second half 16 <sup>th</sup> century	60,000 - 90,000	<b>£144,500</b> \$294,057 €206,779	UK Trade
32	A metal thread embroidered black hanging ( <i>sitara</i> ) from the <i>Haram al nabawi</i> at Medina, with the Tughra of Sultan Mahmud II (1808 – 1839)	50,000 - 80,000	<b>£114,500</b> \$294,057 €206,779	UK Trade
9	A large Samanid conical pottery bowl, central Asia or North East Iran, 10 <sup>th</sup> century	50,000 - 70,000	<b>£96,500</b> \$196,377 €138,091	UK Trade
176	A Safavid velvet panel, Iran, late 16 <sup>th</sup> century	15,000 - 20,000	<b>£90,500</b> \$184,167 €129,505	Middle Eastern Private

**Comment: William Robinson, Director of Islamic Art and Carpets and Head of sale:**

*"Today's extraordinary sale total is one of the highest ever for Islamic Art at Christie's, reflecting the depth of demand and very strong prices realised throughout the field of classical Islamic Art. Successions of lots exceeded their estimates, topped by the spectacular figures achieved by the two outstanding Qur'ans consigned from the Hispanic Society of America. The earliest complete dated Qur'an written in gold, written in 1203 AD, set a new World Auction Record for a Qur'an and also a World Auction Record for any Islamic Manuscript. Fiercely competitive bidding on the telephone, in the room and on the internet led to a particularly lively saleroom. We look forward to our sale of Indian and Islamic Works of Art at Christie's South Kensington this Friday, 26 October."*

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**Next Sale Date:** Indian and Islamic Works of Art at Christie's South Kensington, Friday, 26 October.

