

CHRISTIE'S

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[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

MECHANICAL MUSIC, AUTOMATA, DOLLS AND DOLLS' HOUSES

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Sold: £507,483 Lots offered: 372 Lots sold: 303 \$: 1.700 / €: 1.451
\$862,721 Sold by lot: 81% Sold by £: 89% Sale No: 9724
€736,357

COMMENT: Daniel Agnew, Head of Dolls & Nick Hawkins, Mechanical Music & Automata Specialist: "An incredibly busy saleroom this afternoon resulted in one of our most successful sales ever. The astonishing price of £124,750 for Dingley Hall, an exceptionally unique house assembled by two young boys during the late 19th century, make it the second most expensive dolls' house ever sold at auction [Christie's sold Titania's Palace for £135,000 in 1978]."

LOT	PRICE	\$	€	ESTIMATE	BUYER
650	£124,750	\$212,075	€181,012	£30,000-50,000	Norddeutsches Spielzeug Museum
Dingley Hall – 19 th century painted wooden dolls' house					
SECOND HIGHEST PRICE AT AUCTION FOR A DOLLS' HOUSE					
535	£35,250	\$59,925	€51,147	£30,000-50,000	U.S. Collector
An exceptional changeable cylinder musical box by Nicole Freres					
536	£28,200	\$47,940	€40,918	£15,000-20,000	U.K. Private
A fine forte-piano grand format musical box by Nicole Freres					
600	£21,150	\$35,955	€30,688	£10,000-15,000	European Collector
A Gustave Vichy fin de siecle smoking automaton, circa 1900					
585	£17,625	\$29,962	€25,573	£15,000-20,000	U.K. Trade
A Black Forest automaton barrel organ					
603	£11,750	\$19,975	€17,049	£10,000-15,000	U.S. Collector
A Vichy peasant and pig automaton					
630	£9,400	\$15,980	€13,639	£8,000-12,000	U.S. Collector
A Gustave Vichy Chinese smoker automaton					
602	£8,812	\$14,980	€12,786	£6,000-10,000	U.K. Private
A fine clown banjo player automaton by Vichy					
607	£8,812	\$14,980	€12,786	£6,000-8,000	U.S. Collector
A Lambert automaton clown guitar player					
609	£8,225	\$13,982	€11,934	£7,000-10,000	U.S. Collector
A Gustave Vichy automaton bust of a black banjo player					