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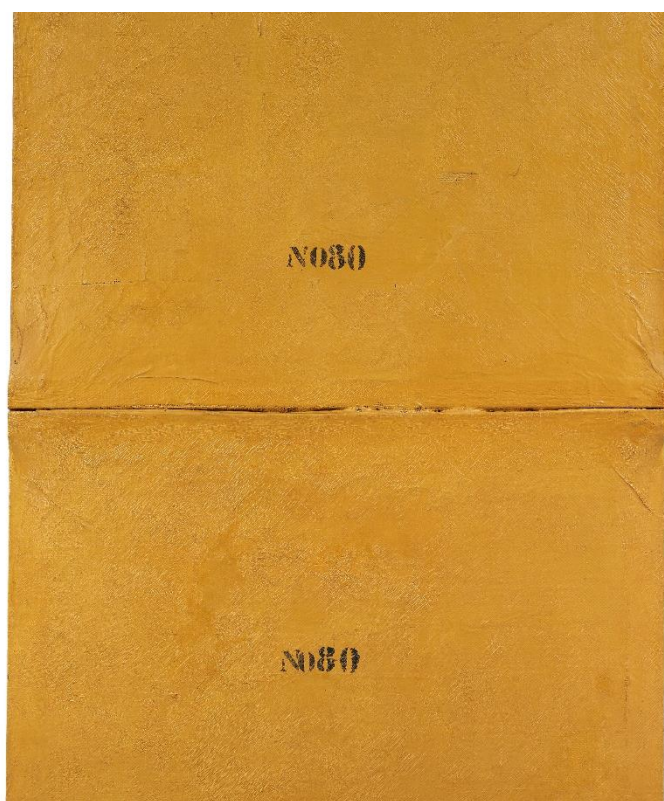
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**CHRISTIE'S 20TH / 21ST CENTURY
SPRING SEASON IN MILAN CELEBRATES 65 YEARS OF
AUCTIONS IN ITALY WITH TWO AUCTIONS:**

20TH / 21ST CENTURY: MILAN ONLINE SALE

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**CENTURIES OF BEAUTY – A REFINED PRIVATE
COLLECTION**



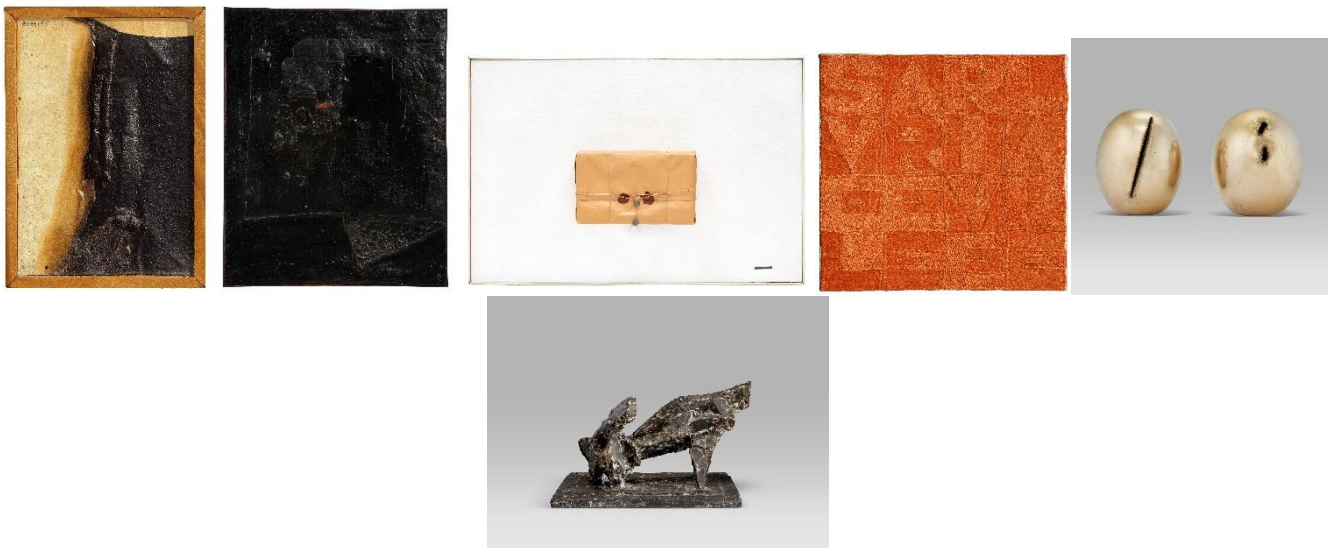
Mario Schifano, *N. 080* (1960, estimate: €400,000-600,000)
Alberto Magnelli, *Nature morte* (1914, estimate: €100,000-150,000)

Milan - Christie's 20th / 21st Century: Milan Online Sale, live for bidding from 17 to 31 May 2023, will present an exquisite selection of works from esteemed Italian and international collections. Pioneering artists who shaped the dynamic artistic movements of the 20th century will be offered alongside a curated selection of emerging names that currently resonate with

collectors globally. The online format has more than doubled the number of countries from which registered bidders participate, highlighting the success of Christie's evolving auction channels over the last five years. The unique 20/21 sale platforms at Christie's offer collectors an unrivalled dialogue between Italy and the rest of the world, highlighted this spring by Piero Manzoni, Marino Marini, Sam Francis, Lucio Fontana, Alberto Burri, Alighiero Boetti, Christo and Hermann Nitsch. The full pre-sale exhibition will take place against the dramatic backdrop of Palazzo Clerici in Milan from 24 to 27 May 2023. Highlights will be showcased in Rome from 9 to 10 May at the Hotel de Russie.

In addition, Christie's will present *Centuries of Beauty – A Refined Private Collection*, online from 24 May to 7 June. The auction comprises approximately 120 pieces curated by a private collector as a celebration of Italian and International works of art through the centuries. Featuring examples from Old Masters to 20th and 21st century paintings, alongside Italian 18th century sculpture, maiolica, as well as Italian and French furniture, two themes drove this collection: the love of still life and a passion for landscapes. In still life, the humblest objects – nuts, a shell, a jug, for example – are elevated from everyday life, suddenly meaningful, significant, and universal. The second recurrent theme of landscape applauds the artist as they bear witness to our world's breathtaking beauty. Views of grandiose Rome and worldly Venice focus on the magnificent architecture, whilst the French countryside and woodland panoramas offer a window on to the rugged, natural world. The selection of works is a testimony to the inquisitive and adventurous taste of a collector who never stopped searching. A selection of works will be exhibited in Rome and Milan alongside the 20th / 21st Century: Milan Online Sale.

IMAGE SELECTION



Alberto Burri, *Combustione*, (1965, estimate: €60,000-80,000)

Alberto Burri, *Catrame nero T*, (1951, estimate: €200,000-300,000)

Piero Manzoni, *Achrome*, (circa 1962, estimate: €80,000-120,000)

Alighiero Boetti, *Svelare e rivelare*, (circa 1992, estimate: €80,000-120,000)

Lucio Fontana, *Concetto spaziale, Natura*, (1967, estimate: €80,000-120,000)

Marino Marini, *Piccolo guerriero*, (1959, estimate: €80,000-120,000)



Giuliano Finelli, *Busto di Gentiluomo*, (circa 1640, estimate: €60,000-80,000)

Cerchia Di Jean-Honoré Fragonard, *Le lavandaie*, (estimate : €15,000-20,000)

Coppia di grandi obelischi francesi in lapislazzuli montati in ormolu con orologio e barometro, (XIX secolo, estimate: €30,000-50,000)

Leonard Tsuguharu Foujita, *Les deux amies*, (1925, estimate: €100,000-150,000)

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