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Christie's Hong Kong Presents

Auction Debut for Major Masterpieces by Jeff Koons and Rene Magritte at Christie's Asia

Dynamic Yayoi Kusama Line-Up Spanning 1968 to 2015

28 – 29 May | Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre



LEADING HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 20TH/21ST CENTURY ART EVENING SALE, ON OFFER ON 28 MAY

1st left column, from top to bottom:

YAYOI KUSAMA (B. 1929), *Flowers*, acrylic on canvas, 130.3 x 97 cm. (51 1/3 x 38 1/5 in.). Painted in 2015.

Estimate: HK\$32,000,000 – 55,000,000 / US\$4,100,000 – 7,000,000

WU GUANZHONG (1919-2010), *The Yulong Mountains after Rain*, oil on canvas, 91.4 x 65.2 cm. (36 x 25 7/8 in.). Painted in 1996.

Estimate: HK\$17,000,000 – 27,000,000 / US\$2,200,000 – 3,500,000

2nd middle column:

JEFF KOONS (B. 1955), *Sacred Heart (Magenta/Gold)*, mirror-polished stainless steel with transparent colour coating sculpture, 356.9 (H) x 218.4 x 121 cm. (140 1/2 x 86 x 47 in.). Executed in 1994-2007. This is one of five unique versions.

Estimate: HK\$50,000,000 – 70,000,000 / US\$6,400,000 – 9,000,000

Photo Credit: Ela Bialkowska. Courtesy Palazzo Strozzi

3rd right column, from top to bottom:

JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT (1960-1988), *Black*, acrylic, oil, graphite, oilstick and Xerox on wood, 126.4 (H) x 92.7 x 29.2 cm. (49 3/4 x 36 1/2 x 11 1/2 in.). Executed in 1986.

Estimate: HK\$55,000,000 – 75,000,000 / US\$7,100,000 – 9,600,000

RENE MAGRITTE (1898-1967), *Le promenoir des amants*, oil on canvas, 93 x 74.3 cm. (36 5/8 x 29 1/4 in.). Painted in 1929-1930.

Estimate: HK\$24,000,000 – 35,000,000 / US\$3,100,000 – 4,500,000

Hong Kong – From 28 – 29 May, Christie's Hong Kong is poised to dazzle the global art community with an extraordinary, diverse selection of seminal works, featuring both world-renowned masters and rising talents. Highly-sought after artists, including **Jeff Koons, Yayoi Kusama, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Rene Magritte, Zao Wou-Ki, Jean-Paul Riopelle, Wu Guanzhong, Yoshitomo Nara, and Nicolas Party** among others, will grace the spotlight. Presented across four curated auctions: the 20th/21st Century Art Evening Sale, the Post-Millennium Evening Sale, the 20th Century Art Day Sale, and the 21st Century Art Day Sale, this event offers an unparalleled artistic experience for collectors and enthusiasts worldwide.

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Evelyn Lin, Deputy Chairman and Co-Head of the 20th and 21st Century Art Department, Christie's Asia Pacific, commented, "We are eagerly anticipating our upcoming auctions, which will showcase a meticulously curated selection that encapsulates the breadth and depth of artistic talent, ranging from esteemed masters to promising emerging artists. Our unique position in Hong Kong enables us to present a balanced offering that resonates with collectors around the world. Moreover, we are committed to fostering and championing works by younger artists, staying in tune with contemporary market trends while ensuring a dynamic, diverse array of pieces. As travel restrictions lift, we are thrilled to welcome art enthusiasts from across the globe to partake in the exhilarating experience of our auctions this May in Hong Kong."

Cristian Albu, Deputy Chairman and Co-Head of the 20th and 21st Century Art Department, Christie's Asia Pacific, added, "We take great pleasure in presenting our upcoming sales, which encompass an extraordinary array of works from legendary artists such as Jean-Michel Basquiat, Jeff Koons, Andy Warhol, Rene Magritte, Zao Wou-Ki, and others, alongside inspiring emerging talents. These iconic artists continue to be in high demand among collectors, a testament to their lasting impact and artistic prowess. Furthermore, we have observed a maturation and acceleration in the appreciation and acquisition of contemporary art in Asia, and our curation thoughtfully responds to this trend. We are confident that our commitment to offering a broad and exceptional range of pieces will contribute to another successful season of sales."

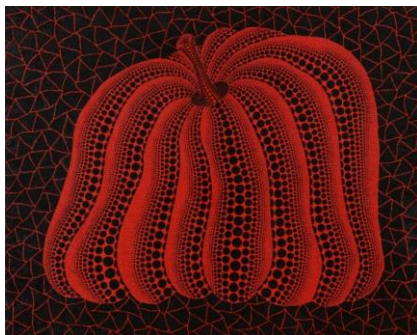
28 MAY – 20TH/21ST CENTURY ART EVENING SALE



BARKLEY L. HENDRICKS (1945-2017)
Triple Portrait from the Yard

oil, acrylic, and variegation leaf on linen
on canvas
182.8 x 121.9 cm. (72 x 48 in.)
Painted in 2012

HK\$25,000,000 – 45,000,000/
US\$3,200,000 – 5,800,000



YAYOI KUSAMA (B. 1929)
Pumpkin

acrylic on canvas
73 x 90.8 cm. (28 ¾ x 35 ¾ in.)
Painted in 2000

HK\$28,000,000 – 38,000,000/
US\$3,600,000 – 4,900,000



ZENG FANZHI (B. 1964)
Mask Series 1999 No.10

oil on canvas
149.5 x 129.5 cm. (58 7/8 x 51 in.)
Painted in 1999

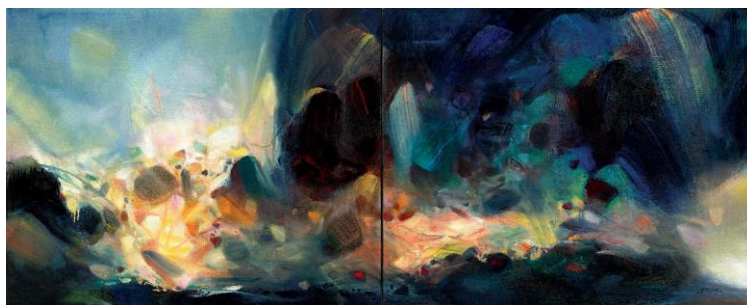
HK\$9,500,000 – 12,500,000/
US\$1,300,000 – 1,600,000



JEAN-PAUL RIOPELLE (1923-2002)
Saint-Anthon

oil on canvas
248 x 388 cm. (97 2/3 x 152 3/4 in.)
Painted in 1954

HK\$20,000,000 – 40,000,000/
US\$2,600,000 – 5,100,000



CHU TEH-CHUN (ZHU DEQUN, 1920-2014)
Délivrance

oil on canvas (diptych)
overall: 130.6 x 324.4 cm. (51 3/8 x 127 3/4 in.)
Painted in 2004

HK\$16,000,000 – 28,000,000/
US\$2,100,000 – 3,600,000

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ANDY WARHOL (1928-1987)
Marilyn

and silkscreen ink on canvas
50.8 x 40.6 cm. (20 x 16 in.)
Painted in 1979-1986

HK\$7,800,000 – 11,800,000/
US\$1,000,000 – 1,500,000



ZAO WOU-KI (ZHAO WUJI, 1920-2013)
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oil on canvas
88.7 x 115.5 cm. (34 7/8 x 45 1/2 in.)
Painted in 1977

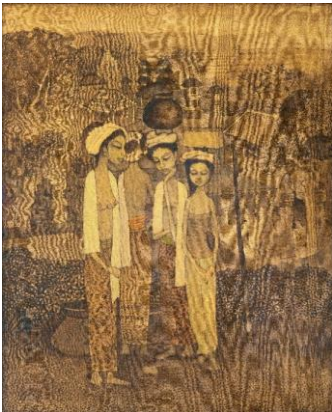
HK\$18,000,000 – 28,000,000/
US\$2,400,000 – 3,600,000



YOSHITOMO NARA (B.1959)
Night Fishing

acrylic on canvas
100 x 100 cm. (39 3/8 x 39 3/8 in.)
Painted in 1995

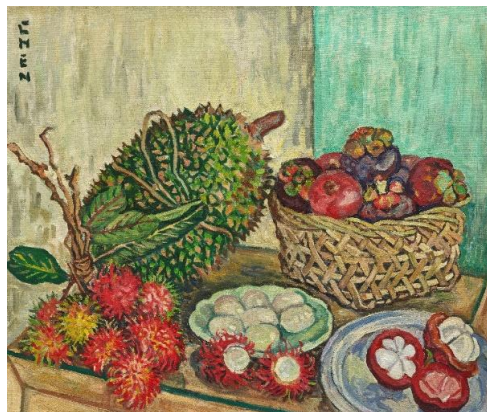
HK\$18,000,000 – 28,000,000/
US\$2,400,000 – 3,600,000



CHEONG SOO PIENG (1917-1983)
Life in Bali

oil on canvas
101.5 x 81 cm. (40 x 31 7/8 in.)
Painted in 1977

HK\$3,000,000 – 5,000,000/
US\$390,000 – 640,000



GEORGETTE CHEN (1906-1993)
Still Life with Big Durian

oil on canvas
46 x 55 cm. (18 1/8 x 21 5/8 in.)
Painted circa 1965

HK\$5,000,000 – 8,000,000/
US\$650,000 – 1,000,000



WU GUANZHONG (1919-2010)
A Corner of a Garden (By the Lake)

oil on board
45.4 x 45.4 cm. (17 7/8 x 17 7/8 in.)
Painted in 1977

HK\$13,500,000 – 24,000,000/
US\$1,800,000-3,100,000

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28 MAY – POST-MILLENNIUM EVENING SALE

This Spring, Christie's Hong Kong will unveil our second *Post-Millennium Evening Sale*, a thematic sale that constellates works responding to the ever-evolving world of images compelled by technologies and the ephemeral content of our times. Traversing from Nicolas Party to Avery Singer, and from Michaela Yearwood-Dan to Jia Aili, one is inspired by the objects, landscapes and fleeting imagery positioned between and beyond reality and imagination, prompting a reconsideration of the vision and momentum that define our era.



NICOLAS PARTY (B. 1980)
Still Life

soft pastel on linen
150 x 180 cm. (59 x 70 7/8 in.)
Painted in 2015

HK\$26,000,000 – 36,000,000/
US\$3,400,000 – 4,600,000



AVERY SINGER (B. 1987)
Untitled

acrylic on canvas
203.2 x 228.6 cm. (80 x 90 in.)
Painted in 2016

HK\$15,000,000 – 20,000,000/
US\$2,000,000 – 2,600,000



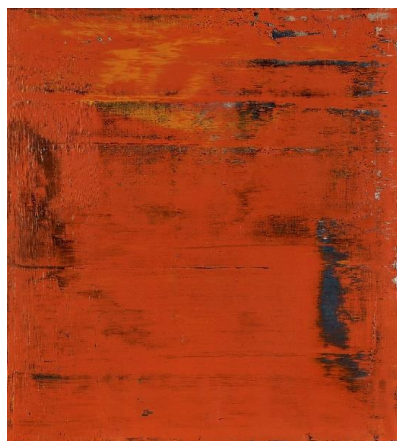
LIANG YUANWEI (B. 1977)
Styx River

oil on canvas
250 x 299.7 cm. (98 1/2 x 118 in.)
Painted in 2009

HK\$10,000,000 – 15,000,000/
US\$1,300,000 – 1,900,000

29 MAY – 20TH CENTURY ART DAY SALE

Showcasing the creations of Asian masters who bridge the gap between East and West, as well as their distinguished European contemporaries, the *20th Century Art Day Sale* explores the journey of modern art across time and geographical boundaries. The sale is led by an extremely rare double-sided painting by Sanyu from the 1930s, fresh to the market and in excellent condition. The sale also offers a unique group of paintings by Zao Wou-Ki, including a work from the collection of the artist's daughter, Madame Sin-May Zao. Powerful works by Gerhard Richter and Bernard Buffet are presented in juxtaposition with serene pictures by Fernando Zóbel and Lee Ufan. The sale also features artworks by prominent artists from Southeast Asia. Remarkable paintings on silk, canvas, and lacquer by Vietnamese masters; an exciting lineup of works by Filipino artists such as Anita Magsaysay-Ho; Indonesian artists led by Affandi; and Singaporean pioneer artists like Liu Kang are all included.



GERHARD RICHTER (B. 1932)
Abstraktes Bild 850-7

oil on canvas
50 x 45 cm. (19 5/8 x 17 3/4 in.)
Painted in 1998

HK\$12,000,000 – 20,000,000/
US\$1,600,000 – 2,600,000



SANYU (CHANG YU, 1895-1966)
Kitten Clambering up a Chair; & Nude
(double-sided)

oil on masonite in the original artist frame (front);
oil on paper laid on masonite (reverse)
image: 50.7 x 33.4 cm (20 x 13 1/8 in.)
Painted in the 1930s

HK\$10,000,000 – 18,000,000/
US\$1,300,000 – 2,300,000



ZAO WOU-KI (ZHAO WUJI, 1920-2013)
Roses

oil on canvas
55 x 46 cm. (21 5/8 x 18 1/8 in.)
Painted in 1953

HK\$4,000,000 – 6,500,000/
US\$520,000 – 830,000

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29 MAY – 21ST CENTURY ART DAY SALE

This auction brings together a selection of works that comb through the global history of contemporary art while encapsulating the momentum of the 21st Century. Headlined by Nicolas Party's striking landscape, *Rocks*, the sale showcases a range of Yayoi Kusama's extraordinary works across various mediums and periods, including her one-of-a-kind and profound work *Fantasizing in the Smoke*. Iconic pictures by Zhang Xiaogang and Jia Aili are complemented by enigmatic pieces from Duan Jianyu and Cui Jie, forming an exceptional line-up of Chinese contemporary art. With internationally established and up-and-rising artists, additional highlights include works by Yoshitomo Nara, Alex Katz, Emi Kuraya, MR., Hernan Bas, and Caroline Walker, among others. This multifaceted assortment provides enthusiasts a distinctive chance to broaden and enhance their art collections.



NICOLAS PARTY (B. 1980)
Rocks

soft pastel on canvas
155 x 125.5 cm. (61 x 49 3/8 in.)
Painted in 2014

HK\$11,000,000 – 18,000,000/
US\$1,500,000 – 2,300,000



YOSHITOMO NARA (B.1959)
KAMEHAME – HA

acrylic on cotton mounted on FRP
diameter: 55.2 cm. (21 3/4 in.)
Painted in 2004

HK\$6,800,000 – 9,800,000/
US\$880,000 – 1,300,000



YAYOI KUSAMA (B. 1929)
Pumpkin

acrylic on canvas
24.5 x 33.3 cm. (9 5/8 x 13 1/8 in.)
Painted in 2005

HK\$10,000,000 – 15,000,000/
US\$1,300,000 – 1,900,000

NOTES TO EDITORS

Preview:

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Live Auctions:

Convention Hall, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, No.1 Harbour Road, Wanchai

28 May, 6pm HKT – Post-Millennium Evening Sale
28 May, 7pm HKT – 20th/21st Century Art Evening Sale
29 May, 1pm HKT – 20th Century Art Day Sale
29 May, 5pm HKT – 21st Century Art Day Sale

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