

# CHRISTIE'S

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[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

## MECHANICAL MUSIC AND TECHNICAL APPARATUS

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Sold: £534,116	Offered: 137	Lots sold: 106	\$: 1.903/ €:
1.490			
\$1, 016,423	Sold by lot: 77%	Sold by £: 97%	Sale No: 4109
€795,832.84			

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### COMMENT: Laurence Fisher, Specialist in charge of the Sale:

A packed saleroom witnessed very spirited bidding on the important automaton pistol which sold for £344,000 achieving the highest price at South Kensington so far this year. Elsewhere in the sale strong prices were achieved for good quality musical boxes and from the technical apparatus section the three Enigma enciphering machines all found buyers at the upper end of their estimates. I'm very much looking forward to Landmarks of Science and Technology at King Street on 13<sup>th</sup> December."

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LOT	PRICE	\$	€	ESTIMATE	BUYER
75	£344,000	\$654,632	€512,560	£150,000-250,000	Anonymous
	<i>An extremely rare and important fine gold, enamel and pearl-set perfume-sprayer automaton pistol</i>				
76	£28,800	\$54,806	€42,912	£26,000-32,000	Anonymous
	<i>An exceptional gold and enamel folding musical fruit knife</i>				
1	£12,000	\$22,836	€17,880	£10,000-12,000	Anonymous
	<i>A three-rotor German Enigma enciphering machine</i>				