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500 Years: Decorative Arts Europe including carpets from the Corcoran Gallery of Art

New York – Tuesday, November 24, 2009

Sale no: 2203 – Top Ten

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

Sold:	\$ 7,328,713	£4,441,644	€4,918,599
Lots Sold: 349	Lots Offered: 466	Sold by Lot: 75%	Sold by \$: 82%
Exchange Rate: £ = \$1.65 / € = \$1.49			

Lot	Description	Estimate (\$)	Purchase Price	Buyer
129	An Isfahan Carpet, Central Persia, 17th Century	60,000-80,000	\$254,500 £154,242 €170,805	Anonymous
130	An Isfahan Carpet, Central Persia, 17th Century, <i>with silk warps</i>	60,000-80,000	\$254,500 £154,242 €170,805	Anonymous
84	A Chinese export black and gilt lacquer bureau-cabinet, <i>circa</i> 1730-1740	150,000-250,000	\$182,500 £110,606 €122,483	European Private
31	An Isfahan Carpet, Central Persia, 17th Century	80,000-120,000	\$170,500 £103,333 €114,429	Anonymous
40	A pair of large Italian gilt and patinated bronze and verde antico marble jardinières, second half 19 th Century	50,000-80,000	\$164,500 £99,696 €110,402	European Trade
205	An Isfahan Carpet, Central Persia, 17th Century	60,000-80,000	\$158,500 £96,060 €106,375	Anonymous
321	An Isfahan Rug, Central Persia, 17 th Century	80,000-120,000	\$158,500 £96,060 €106,375	Anonymous
29	An Isfahan Carpet, Central Persia, 17th Century	50,000-80,000	\$134,500 £81,515 €90,268	Anonymous
204	An Isfahan Carpet, Central Persia, 17th Century	40,000-60,000	\$134,500 £81,515 €90,268	Anonymous
314	A Tabriz carpet, Northwest Persia, <i>circa</i> 1880	40,000-60,000	\$128,500 £77,878 €86,241	U.S. Trade

Stefan Kist, Christie's New York, Director of European Decorative Arts said: "Today's inaugural sale of *500 Years: Decorative Arts Europe*, which combined European and English furniture, ceramics, works of art, tapestries and sculptures including Oriental carpets from the 15th to the 19th centuries, achieved outstanding results in every category. Our clients responded enthusiastically to this new sale format, and both the view and saleroom showed a markedly increased interest in this field. The most sought after examples of superb quality and excellent provenance generated competitive bidding with many lots realizing prices in excess of their estimates. The extreme rarity of the carpets from the Corcoran Gallery of Art ensured that there was international interest from dealers and private buyers achieving results beyond expectations. Encouraging estimates brought new and established buyers into the saleroom and delivered great results, such as the Chinese export lacquer bureau cabinet and the pair of Italian gilt and patinated bronze and verde antico marble jardinières in the top ten list, as well as the Meissen porcelain mating doves, which sold for \$60,000. We are looking forward to the next sales in London and Paris in December as well as our next sale in New York in April 2010, which will follow the same format."

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Date and Location of Next Sale	London- King Street, December 10