

# CHRISTIE'S

## IMPORTANT PORTRAIT MINIATURES AND GOLD BOXES

Location – Tuesday, 27 November 2007

Sale no: 7453 – Top Ten

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

<b>Sold:</b>	<b>£1,525,788</b>	<b>\$3,158,381</b>	<b>€2,123,896</b>
Lots Sold: 256	Lots Offered: 344	Sold by Lot: 74 %	Sold by £: 89%
Exchange Rate £:= \$2.070 / €1.392			

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Purchase Price	Buyer
36	<i>An important Louis XV diamond-encrusted and enamelled vari-colour gold snuff-box set with an enamel plaque, by Jean Formey (Fl. 1754-1791), marked, Paris 1768/69</i>	80,000 - 120,000	£96,500 \$199,755 €134,328	Russian Private
92	<i>An important Russian gold snuff-box set with miniature, by Johann Wilhelm Keibel (1788-1862),</i>	40,000 - 60,000	£74,900 \$155,043 €104,260	UK Trade
29	<i>A Swiss jewelled and enamelled gold snuff-box set with a portrait miniature, Geneva, circa 1780</i>	15,000 - 25,000	£34,100 \$70,587 €47,467	UK Trade
219	<i>Moritz Michael Daffinger (Austrian, 1790-1849), A magnificent miniature of a young lady called Princess Melanie Metternich (1805-1854)</i>	30,000 - 50,000	£36,500 \$75,555 €50,808	Russian Private
190	<i>Pietro de Rossi (Russian, 1761-1831), Count Sergei Grigor'vich Stroganov (1794-1882), in silver-piped black uniform</i>	10,000 - 15,000	£31,700 \$65,619 €44,126	Russian Private
17	<i>A Louis XVI enamelled gold snuff-box, Jean-Joseph Barrière (Fl. 1763-1793), marked, Paris, 1776/1777</i>	15,000 - 20,000	£24,500 \$50,715 €34,104	UK Trade
4	A Louis XV-style gold and shell snuff-box	12,000 - 18,000	£23,300 \$48,231 €32,433	UK Trade
202	<i>Henri Benner (French, 1776-After 1833), Grand Duke Constantin Pavlovich (1778-1831), in general's uniform</i>	6,000 - 8,000	£23,300 \$48,231 €32,433	Russian Trade
133	<i>Peter Edward Stroely (German, 1768-1826) Princess Zinaida Aleksandrovna Belosev'skaia-Belozerskaia in white dress</i>	8,000 - 12,000	£20,900 \$43,263 €29,092	Russian Private
264	<i>Russian School, circa 1800, General Prince Petr Ivanovich Bagration (1765-1812), in blue uniform</i>	1,500 - 2,500	£20,900 \$43,263 €29,092	European Trade

**Comment: Jo Brooks, Head of Sale:**

*"We are very pleased with the results of today's sale of Important Portrait Miniatures and Gold Boxes. The collection of Russian miniatures sold particularly well realising £671,138, selling 98% by value and 92% by lot, with strong results for portraits of the Imperial Royal Family and major military figures from the Russian patriotic war, such as General Bagration which fetched £20,900 against an estimate of £1,500-2,500. The sale also reflects the continuing demand for gold boxes of exceptional quality, such as the Louis XV diamond-encrusted snuff-box by Jean Formey which realised £96,500. We look forward to the next sale of Portrait Miniatures and Gold Boxes in June 2008."*

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**Next Sale Date:**

The next sale of *Portrait Miniatures and Gold Boxes* in London will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> 2008.