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Old Master Pictures

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Sold: £12,190,925 Lots offered: 115 Lots sold: 74 \$:1.739 €:1.428
\$ 21,200,018 Sold by lot: 67% Sold by £: 64 % Sale code: 6837
€17,408,640

Comment: Paul Raison, Head of Old Master Pictures, Christie's London

"The atmosphere in the room today was terrific and we had strong prices realised in all fields. There was also competitive bidding by a large number of private European clients who were active throughout. Today's sale total was almost double the equivalent sale in 2002 and an increase on the July total. We were particularly pleased with the results achieved for the Spanish section of paintings, led by the work by Melendez. These had been part of a successful marketing campaign, including an exhibition in Madrid that coincided with Christie's celebrations of 30 Years in Spain staged by our superb Spanish team. We now look forward to next year starting with a strong selection of pictures in Christie's New York auction which takes place on 23 January 2004."

LOT	PRICE	\$	€	ESTIMATE	BUYER
20	£1,237,250	\$2,151,577	€1,766,793	£400,000-600,000	European Private
Jan Brueghel I (Brussels 1568-1625 Antwerp) and Hendrick van Balen (Antwerp 1575-1632), The virgin and child with the infant Saint John the Baptist, Saint Anne, oil on panel					

116	£1,125,250	\$1,956,810	€1,606,857	£700,000-1,000,000	Anonymous
Luca Carlevarijs (Udine 1663-1730 Venice), Venice: the Rialto bridge from the North; and the Piazza San Marco, oil on canvas					

62	£1,125,250	\$1,956,810	€1,606,857	£450,000-650,000	Anonymous
Luis Melendez (Naples 1716-1780 Madrid) Pears on a plate, a melon, plums, and a decorated Manises jar with plums on a wooden ledge, oil on canvas, RECORD FOR THE ARTIST AT AUCTION					

64	£1,013,250	\$1,762,042	€1,446,921	£250,000-350,000	Anonymous
Antonio Joli (Modena c.1700-1777 Naples), The Calle de Alcala, Madrid, oil on canvas					

5	£565,250	\$982,970	€807,177	£250,000-350,000	European Private
Pieter Brueghel II (Brussels 1564/5-1637/8 Antwerp), The Bird Trap, oil on panel					

66	£565,250	\$982,970	€807,177	£500,000-700,000	UK Trade
Nicolas Poussin (Villers 1594-1665 Rome), The Holy Family with Saint John the Baptist, oil on canvas					

57	£520,450	\$905,063	€743,202	£100,000-150,000	UK Trade
Jusepe de Ribera, Lo Spagnoletto (Jativa, Valencia 1591-1652 Naples), Saint Jerome, oil on canvas					

29	£475,650	\$827,155	€679,228	£200,000-300,000	UK Trade
Jan van de Cappelle (Amsterdam 1626-1679), Two smalships and other shipping off a sandbank in a calm, oil on canvas					

87	£442,050	\$768,725	€631,247	£100,000-150,000	European Private
Giovanni Francesco Romanelli (Viterbo c. 1610-1662), The flight of Aeneas, oil on canvas RECORD FOR THE ARTIST AT AUCTION					

59	£363,650	\$632,387	€519,292	£150,000-200,000	European Private
Thomas Hiepes (Valencia c. 1610-1674), Myrtle in a lobed-footed polychrome maiolica Manises vase on a draped ledge, oil on canvas					