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Sale no: 1915 & 1914 – Top Ten

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

Sold:	\$9,267,750	£4,565,394	€6,347,774
Lots Sold: 329	Lots Offered: 398	Sold by Lot: 83%	Sold by \$: 80%
Exchange Rate: £ = \$ 2.03 / € = \$ 1.46			

Lot	Description	Estimate (\$)	Purchase Price	Buyer
19	An Egyptian Monumental Sandstone Head of the Pharaoh Ramesses II, <i>New Kingdom, Dynasty XI, Reign of Ramesses II, 1290-1224 B.C</i>	\$400,000-600,000	\$517,000 £254,680 € 354,110	Anonymous
52	An Anatolian marble idol, <i>Neolithic Period, circa early 6th Millennium B.C</i>	\$300,000-400,000	\$457,000 £225,123 €313,014	American Private
186	A Roman Marble Diana Venatrix, <i>Circa 2nd Century A.D</i>	\$200,000-300,000	\$385,000 £189,655 €263,699	Private
106	An East Greek Marble Kouros, <i>Archaic Period, circa 550-525 B.C</i>	\$300,000-500,000	\$361,000 £177,833 €247,260	Anonymous
199	A Byzantine Silver Lamp and Stand, <i>Circa 5th-7th Century A.D</i>	\$80,000-120,000	\$289,000 £142,365 €197,945	European Private
179	A Roman Marble Mosaic Panel, <i>Circa Mid 2nd Century A.D</i>	\$200,000-300,000	\$277,000 £136,453 €189,726	Private
59	A Mesopotamian Limestone Head, <i>Syrian, Early Dynastic, Circa 2550-2250 B.C</i>	\$150,000-250,000	\$241,000 £118,719 €165,068	American Trade
75	A Neo-Elamite Votive Plaque, <i>Circa 8th-7th Century B.C</i>	\$150,000-250,000	\$241,000 £118,719 €165,068	American Private
20	An Egyptian bronze scepter finial, <i>New Kingdom, Dynasty XIX, 1307-1196 B.C</i>	\$80,000-120,000	\$229,000 £112,808 €156,849	American Private
151	A Roman Marble Altar for Hercules, <i>Circa 1st Century A.D</i>	\$120,000-180,000	\$217,000 £106,897 €148,630	American Private

"Today's sales were a great triumph" said G. Max Bernheimer, International Department Head for Christie's Antiquities. "The market remains robust for Egyptian, Near Eastern and Classical antiquities. Despite the shifts in the financial markets, American buyers continue to dominate, securing seven of the top ten lots. The highest price for the day was the powerful monumental sandstone portrait of the Pharaoh Ramesses II, which sold for \$517,000. The Ancient Jewelry sale, the 9th annual installment of this rarified category and the exclusive domain of Christie's, achieved its highest total ever, far beyond the high estimate. The 43 lots of ancient gems and finger rings from a European private collection shattered all pre-sale expectations, highlighted by an emerald ring stone with a Julio-Claudian portrait achieving \$85,000. The excitement carried over into the various owner section of the sale, with several lots exceeding their pre-sale estimates: a necklace of twenty-one Roman amethyst intaglios brought \$121,000; a Roman gold snake bracelet soared to \$67,000; a pair of Etruscan earrings with splendid granulation sold for \$49,000; a Greek gold finger ring engraved with a lion wearing a Corinthian helmet climbed to \$85,000; and the exceedingly rare Cypro-Minoan hematite cylinder seal sold for \$79,000. We look forward with great anticipation to the 2008 season."

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Date and Location of Next Sale	New York, June, 2008

