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[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

Magnificent French Furniture and Works of Art

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Sold: £10,342,752 Lots offered: 114 Lots sold: 96 \$1.576/€1.555
 \$16,300,177/€16,082,979 Sold by lot: 84% Sold by £: 97% Sale code: 6750

Comment: Charles Cator, Chairman of Christie's UK and International Head of the Furniture Department
 "The auction this morning clearly demonstrated that the market is highly buoyant for works of art of top quality. Only fourteen pieces of French furniture have ever sold for over £2 million, eleven of these sold at Christie's and two of them today. The price achieved by the Louis XVI ormolu and Sèvres porcelain-mounted mahogany console desserte by Martin Carlin equals the world record price for any piece of Sèvres porcelain mounted furniture. It is interesting to note that this work sold at auction in 1979 for FFR1 million (approximately £111,100) and that the Louis XVI ormolu and Sèvres porcelain-mounted satinwood, amaranth, ebony and marquetry table de café by Adam Weisweiler sold at Christie's in 1982 for £129,000. It was also a very poignant moment when the hammer came down on the last lot as this was the final sale at Christie's to be conducted by auctioneer and Chairman, Lord Hindlip, who after forty years and many historic moments in the rostrum is laying down his gavel."

LOT	PRICE	ESTIMATE	BUYER
50	£2,646,650/\$4,171,120/€4,115,541	£1,000,000-1,500,000	Anonymous
A Louis XVI ormolu and Sèvres porcelain-mounted mahogany console desserte by Martin Carlin			
118	£2,371,650/\$3,737,720/€3,687,916	£1,000,000-1,500,000	Private
A Louis XVI ormolu and Sèvres porcelain-mounted satinwood, amaranth, ebony and marquetry table de café by Adam Weisweiler			
15	£732,650/\$1,154,656/€1,139,271	£400,000-600,000	Private
A pair of Louis XV grey-painted and parcel-gilt chaises a la reine, by Louis Delanois			
110	£347,650/\$547,896/€540,596	£200,000-300,000	Anonymous
Two Louis XV ormolu-mounted tulipwood, amaranth, bois satine and marquetry tables a ouvrage, one by Jean-Pierre Latz, the other attributed			
20	£303,650/\$478,552/€472,176	£300,000-500,000	European Trade
A late Louis XV ormolu-mounted tulipwood and amaranth bureau plat, by Pierre Garnier			
30	£292,650/\$464,216/€455,071	£300,000-500,000	Private
A pair of Louis XVI giltwood consoles, after a design by Richard de Lalonde			
100	£259,650/\$409,208/€403,756	£250,000-400,000	Anonymous
An early Louis XV ormolu-mounted amaranth, bois satine and marquetry commode, attributed to Bernard II can Risen Burgh, BVRB			
116	£248,650/\$391,872/€386,651	£30,000-50,000	Anonymous
A pair of Italian gilt-metal and cut-glass twenty-eight light chandeliers			
25	£237,650/\$374,536/€369,546	£120,000-180,000	Anonymous
A Louis XIV boulle brass-inlaid red tortoiseshell table en cabriolet, in the manner of Pierre Gole			
23	£226,650/\$357,200/€352,441	£70,000-100,000	Private
A pair of restoration ormolu-mounted boulle brass and pewter-inlaid amaranth meubles-d'appui, attributed to Pierre-Etienne Levasseur or Levasseur the Younger			