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THE WILDENSTEIN COLLECTION Wednesday 14 -15 December 2005

circa 1710, attributed to André-Charles Boulle

 Total:
 £21,871,760
 Lots Offered: 302
 Lots Sold: 242
 Sale No: 7171

 \$38,800,502
 Sold by Lot: 80%
 Sold by £: 85%
 \$:1.774/€:1.475

€32,260,846

Charles Cator, International Director of Furniture, Orlando Rock, Director and Head of the Collections Department, London, and Amjad Rauf, Director and head of European Furniture sales, London: "This magical timewarp revealed the very private world of that leviathan of the arts Nathan Wildenstein (d.1934). His unerring eye for quality and craftsmanship was greeted with huge enthusiasm by collectors and museum curators throughout the world and we are delighted with the exceptional prices realised by these very rare chefs d'oeuvres. The largest single-owner collection of French furniture ever to be sold at King Street, this sale marks the end of an era. With all 10 of the top lots selling for over £500,000 and no less than four lots selling for over £1 million in what is a robust but challenging market, this sale underlined the timeless appeal of the greatest French Furniture. This marks the end of a remarkable year for the Collections department in London who have realised in excess of £80 million in 2005."

LOTS £. **Estimate** Buyer \$5,180,080 15 £2,920,000 €4,307,000 £1,500,000 - 3,000,000 Christopher Payne Esq. A Louis XIV ormolu-mounted and boulle brass-inlaid brown tortoiseshell bureau plat circa 1710, attributed to André-Charles Boulle £1,000,000 - 1,500,000 10 £1,105,600 \$1,961,334 €1,630,760 Anonymous A matched pair of Louis XIV ormolu-mounted and boulle brass-inlaid brown tortoiseshell pier tables,

60 £1,105,600 \$1,961,334 €1,630,760 £100,000 - 200,000 Anonymous A Louis XV ormolu-mounted nautilus shell, *circa* 1740, in the manner of Juste-Aurele Meissonier

5 £1,016,000 \$1,802,384 €1,498,600 £500,000 - 800,000 Konrad O. Bernheimer for Colnaghi A Louis XIV ormolu-mounted brass-inlaid brown tortoiseshell, ebony and boulle marquetry petit armoire, *circa* 1700-1710, attributed to André-Charles Boulle

40 £904,000 \$1,603,696 €1,333,400 £250,000 - 350,000 European Trade A Louis XIV bronze group representing Bacchus and Ariadne, by Corneille van Cleve (1646-1752), airca 1704

400 £881,600 \$1,563,958 €1,300,360 £250,000 - 400,000 Anonymous A late Louis XV ormolu-mounted mahogany and floral trellis marquetry secretaire a abattant, by Jean-François Leleu, *circa* 1772

20 £825,600 \$1,464,614 €1,217,760 £250,000 - 400,000 UK Advisor A pair of Regence brass and ormolu-mounted amaranth coquilliers *circa* 1715-25, in the manner of André-Charles Boulle

25 £680,000 \$1,206,320 €1,003,000 £600,000 - 1,000,000 Anonymous A pair of late Louis XVI ormolu-mounted brass, pewter, ebony and tortoiseshell boulle marquetry

side cabinets (bas d'armoire), *circa* 1780-1800

210 £635,200 \$1,126,844 €936,920 £400,000-600,000 Private A Louis XV ormolu-mounted brass-inlaid tortoiseshell and ebony boulle marquetry bureau plat and cartonnier, second quarter 18th century, the clock by J. Henry Enderlin, attributed to Boulle fils

190 £568,000 \$1,007,632 €837,800 £300,000 - 500,000 Private A Louis XV ormolu-mounted and boulle marquetry pewter, brass and copper-inlaid brown tortoiseshell

and ebony table de milieu, *circa* 1761, by the marchand julliot, [constructed using elements from a cabinet stand by André-Charles Boulle, *circa* 1700]