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White Gold 18th Century Porcelain from Meissen and du Paquier - Property of The Byrnes Children Trust
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London – Wednesday, 12 May 2010

Sale no: 7815 and 7910 – Top Ten

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

Sold:	£2,590,150	\$3,864,504	€3,051,197
Lots Sold: 200	Lots Offered: 251	Sold by Lot: 80%	Sold by £: 85%
Exchange Rate £:= \$1.492/ €1.178			

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Purchase Price	Buyer
245	A Vincennes <i>Vase à Dauphin</i> , 1754-5	120,000 - 150,000	£361,250 \$538,985 €425,553	Anonymous
240	A Vincennes <i>Vase Urne Antique</i> presented on behalf of Louis XV to Tsarina Elizabeth of Russia, 1755-56	230,000 - 280,000	£241,250 \$359,945 €284,193	Anonymous
20	A Meissen (Augustus Rex) Blue and White Chinoiserie Vase and Cover, <i>circa</i> 1725	40,000 - 60,000	£121,250 \$180,905 €142,833	Anonymous

Comment: Rodney Woolley, Dominic Simpson and Hervé de la Verrie said:

"Christie's were honoured to be entrusted with two exceptional sales of "White Gold" commemorating the 300th anniversary of porcelain manufacture at Meissen. There was excitement in the saleroom from the very first lot of the sale, which sold for 10 times its presale estimate, setting the tone for things to come. The remainder of the auction was peppered with strong prices throughout, including £121,250 for a Meissen chinoiserie vase and £85,250 for a Meissen tea and chocolate service.

The afternoon sale presented some of the best Vincennes and Sèvres porcelain to be offered to the market for many years, and rarity, provenance as well as good condition all combined to produce some exceptional results, including the urne antique presented on behalf of Louis XV to Tsarina Elizabeth of Russia which sold for £241,250, and £361,250 for the Vincennes vase à dauphin.

Christie's LIVE™ played an important role in both sales, enabling clients from across the US, Europe and Japan to bid whilst also providing them with the opportunity of viewing the sale as it unfolded. We look forward to the Centuries of Style sale and the Syd Levethan Collection sale in June"

Statement from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, purchaser of Lot 230, a Vincennes bleu celeste ground baluster ewer, which sold for £85,250.

"The Vincennes celestial blue Ewer known as "Pot de Monsieur de la Bouexière" is a most important addition to our display related to the Grand Salon of the Hôtel de la Bouexière. The ewer, which may have been first owned by Madame de Pompadour, masterfully summarizes the essence of what French porcelain from the period of Louis XV was about, in terms of extravagant colors and ornamental refinement to the highest degree. It also provides a link between the patron who commissioned the Hôtel de la Bouexière and the prevailing taste for Vincennes and Sèvres porcelain in the mid 18th century. We are extremely grateful to Carolyn Groves and the Groves Foundation which provided the funds for the acquisition and conservation of the Grand Salon and which has now also enabled us to acquire the Ewer."

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