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## THE 11 HOUR AUCTION CHRISTIE'S, DICAPRIO TEAM UP FOR WILDLIFE BENEFIT

WORLD'S TOP ARTISTS TO DONATE PIECES FOR '11<sup>TH</sup> HOUR CHARITY AUCTION'



Robert Longo  
*Untitled (Leo)*  
Charcoal on mounted paper  
96 x 70 in. (243.8 x 177.8 cm.)  
Executed in 2013.  
Estimate: \$150,000-200,000



Mark Grotjahn  
*Untitled (Standard Lotus No. II,  
Bird of Paradise, Tiger Mouth Face 44.01)*  
oil on cardboard mounted on canvas  
73 1/4 x 52 7/8 in. (186.1 x 134.3 cm.)  
Painted in 2012.  
Estimate: \$1,500,000-2,500,000



Richard Prince  
*Silhouette Cowboy*  
Ektacolor photograph  
59 1/4 x 83 1/4 in. (150.5 x 211.5 cm)  
Executed in 1998-99.  
This work is an Artist's Proof  
Estimate: \$600,000-800,000

**New York** - Christie's, in partnership with the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, presents "The 11th Hour Charity Auction," an evening sale on May 13<sup>th</sup> to benefit environmental and wildlife conservation efforts supported by the Foundation. Over 30 of today's most important living artists from around the world have donated masterpieces, many of which were created especially for the auction.

The sale will feature top-tier works by 33 leading contemporary artists **Kai Althoff, Banksy, Peter Beard, Carol Bove, Joe Bradley, Cecily Brown, Dan Colen, George Condo, John Currin, Zeng Fanzhi, Urs Fischer, Walton Ford, Mark Grotjahn, Andreas Gursky, Sergej Jensen, Anish Kapoor, Bharti Kher, Sherrie Levine, Robert Longo, Adam McEwen, Takashi Murakami, Cady Noland, Raymond Pettibon, Elizabeth Peyton, Richard Prince, Rob Pruitt, Neo Rauch, Ugo Rondinone, Sterling Ruby, Ed Ruscha, Mark Ryden, Julian Schnabel** and **Rudolf Stingel**, which will be offered at auction.

"My Foundation has worked on environmental issues since 1998, and despite the great efforts by organizations all over the world, our planet is in trouble. The modern world is placing enormous pressure

*on the very natural systems that sustain us; we are destroying our forests, polluting the air and water, overfishing our oceans and facing overwhelming extinction rates of plants and animals. Consequently less than 2% of our Oceans and 12% of our forests and wildlands are protected. Nature is abundant and it is resilient, but we have to take action now to protect our planet before it's too late. Given that less than 2% of philanthropic giving goes to environmental conservation projects, we are grateful that Christie's and the participating artists are providing this incredible opportunity."* – **DiCaprio said.**

The Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, has been raising public awareness about critical environmental issues and supporting efforts to protect our planet and create a sustainable future for 15 years. The funds raised through this sale will support innovative conservation projects that protect some of the last wild places on Earth, the endangered species that inhabit them, and the people whose welfare depends upon them. Recipient projects will undergo a rigorous review process by the Foundation and a panel of environmental leaders including Dr. Jane Lubchenco, Philippe Cousteau, Dr. Pamela Matson, Dr. Enric Sala, Ted Waitt, Rick Ridgeway, Jorgen Thomsen, and Dr. William H. Schlesinger.

*"The quality, variation and depth of the works donated by the artists have defied our wildest expectations: artists have come through in a big way for a cause that concerns all of us. Most of the works are close to impossible to access on the primary market. This will be a one-time occasion for prospective buyers to acquire works of this caliber by artists such as Mark Grotjahn, Richard Prince, Elizabeth Peyton, Andreas Gursky, Takashi Murakami etc. It is fantastic that collectors will be able to buy important art while supporting such a crucial cause. The time and effort Leonardo has put towards this year-long project testifies to his dedication to the environment and his passion for art,"* **stated Loic Gouzer, International Specialist and head of the sale.**

*"Christie's is honored to host the most important environmental charity ever staged. The roster of donations reads like a who's who of the most important contemporary artists of our time. This has been a project of passion and commitment led by Leonardo DiCaprio and Christie's Loic Gouzer. And the impact of this sale will be felt for generations,"* **added Brett Gorvy, Chairman and International Head of Post-War and Contemporary Art.**

### **Other highlights include:**



Andreas Gursky  
*Ocean V*  
Executed in 2010.  
This work is number four  
from an edition of six.  
Estimate: \$500,000-700,000



Urs Fischer  
*Good Problem*  
acrylic and spray enamel on aluminum  
96 x 72 in. (243.8 x 182.9 x 3.2 cm.)  
Executed in 2013.  
Estimate: \$450,000-550,000



Walton Ford  
*Anthroponosis* - 1975  
gouache on paper  
96 x 60 in. (243.8 x 152.4 cm.)  
Painted in 2013.  
Estimate: \$400,000-600,000



Sterling Ruby  
*SP231*  
acrylic and spray enamel on canvas  
96 x 84 in. (243.8 x 213.3 cm.)  
Painted in 2013.  
Estimate: \$300,000-400,000



Zeng Fanzhi  
*The Tiger*  
oil on canvas  
94 7/8 x 137 5/8 in. (241 x 350 cm.)  
Painted in 2011.  
Estimate: \$1,500,000-2,500,000



Banksy  
*Protect from All Elements*  
acrylic and spray enamel  
17.3/8 x 23 in. (44.1 x 58.4 cm.)  
Painted in 2013.  
Estimate: \$70,000-100,000



Rob Pruitt (b. 1964)  
*6:20pm, late Summer*  
glitter and enamel on canvas  
96.½ x 71.¾ in. (245.1 x 182.2 cm.)  
Executed in 2013.  
Estimate: \$100,000-150,000

### THE 11 HOUR AUCTION

Viewing: 11-13 May

Sale: Monday 13 May 2013 at 7pm

Christie's New York - 20 Rockefeller Plaza

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#### **LEONARDO DICAPRIO FOUNDATION**

The Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation is dedicated to protecting Earth's last wild places and fostering a harmonious relationship between humanity and the natural world. Since 1998, the Foundation has been working on pressing environmental and humanitarian issues through grant making, campaigning and media projects. Areas of focus include; wildlife and habitat preservation, healthy oceans, water access, climate change and disaster relief. The Foundation's strategic approach to philanthropy for a better planet relies upon active collaboration with effective organizations as well as with other funders who share our goals and can magnify our impact. In tandem with LDF's philanthropic efforts, the foundation uses digital media and Leonardo's website & social media channels to inform and rally the public on environmental issues.

The Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation is a component fund of the California Community Foundation. For more information visit [www.leonardodicaprio.org](http://www.leonardodicaprio.org)

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