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CHRISTIE'S PRINTS & MULTIPLES SALE SALUTES THE FALL SEASON WITH EXEMPLARY CUBIST AND POST-WAR WORKS



ERNST LUDWIG KIRCHNER (1880-1983), Picknick der Badenden, lithograph in green, blue, yellow, purple and orange, 1909, estimate: \$500,000-700,000

New York - Christie's is pleased to present the sale of **Prints & Multiples** taking place October 29-30. The two day blockbuster sale features 446 lots, with a particularly significant representation of the Post-War and Contemporary category as well as Cubist masterpieces in the medium. Highlights from the sale include prints by Pablo Picasso, Edvard Munch, Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Keith Haring, Henri Matisse, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, and Cy Twombly among others.



The sale is one of the most comprehensive surveys of Cubist prints to have appeared on the auction market in many years. Courageous experimentalists, Cubist artists' work overthrew all prevailing concepts of beauty and produced the most radical artistic revolution since the Renaissance. Exemplifying this group of works are prints by Cubism's founding fathers, Georges Braque's *Etude de nue (Nu)* - estimate: \$18,000-\$25,000, and Pablo Picasso's final and most complex Cubist graphic to be published *L'Homme á la Guitare* (pictured left; estimate: \$25,000-\$35,000). Previously dissatisfied with the results of the printing plate, Picasso discarded the design and did not rediscover *L'Homme á la Guitare* until 1929 making this print one of the few works initiated in the early World War I years to be very rarely available on the market.

The sale also encompasses a strong selection of Impressionist & Modern prints, which can be seen in the top lot of the sale Edvard Munch's , *Madchen auf der Brucke* (*The Girls on the Bridge*) (pictured page 2;

estimate: \$700,000-\$1,000,000) together with Ernst Ldwig Kirchner's **Picknick der Badenden** (pictured above, page 1; estimate: \$500,000 - 700,000). Created in 1909, *Picknick der Badenden's* is one of the largest, most vibrant, and ultimately most significant of the Moritzburg works in lithography.



The Collection of David C. and Sarajean Ruttenberg serves as the foundation for the impressive Post-War & Contemporary art section. Legendary supporters of young emerging artists and their local art community, the Ruttenberg's amassed one of the most varied collections of influential post-war printmakers. In 1981, The David C. and Sarajean Ruttenberg Arts Foundation was established to provide a lasting platform for the Ruttenberg's arts patronage. Among this notable collection is a complete set of Andy Warhol *Ads* (pictured above; estimate: \$250,000-350,000).



In addition to the works from the Ruttenberg's collection, the sale will offer and unprecedented group of prints from Roy Lictenstein's **Reflections Series** (including **Reflections on Girl**, pictured below; estimate: \$60,000-\$80,000). In 1988 Lichtenstein began work on a group of *Reflections* paintings, in which the central image is partly obscured by reflective streaks, as if behind glass or reflected in a mirror. Work began in 1989 on the seven works in this series, which combine a variety of printing techniques. These multimedia prints reference the complete span of Lichtenstein's imagery from throughout his career with their iconic Pop and comic images. Another unprecedented auction highlight is a complete set of Keith Haring's **The Blueprint Drawings** (pictured left; estimate: \$180,000-\$220,000).

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



EDVARD MUNCH (1863-1944), Mädchen auf der Brücke (The Girls on the Bridge), woodcut in black with handcoloring in red, yellow, blue and teal green, 1918, Estimate: \$700,000-1,000,000



PABLO PICASSO (1881-1973) Large Bird, Black Face white earthenware vase painted in colors, 1951 Estimate: \$50,000-70,000



PABLO PICASSO (1881-1973) Torse de Femme (L'Egyptienne) aquatint, 1953; Estimate: \$180,000-250,000



ROY LICHTENSTEIN (1923-1997) Nude with Blue Hair, State I, from Nudes Series relief print in colors, 1994 Estimate: \$150,00-250,000



CY TWOMBLY (1928-2011) Roman Notes the complete set of six offset lithographs in colors, 1970 Estimate: \$180,000-220,000



ANDY WARHOL (1928-1987) Endangered Species the complete set of ten screenprints in colors, 1983 Estimate: \$400,000-600,000



PABLO PICASSO (1881-1973) Nature Morte au Verre sous la Lampe linocut in colors, 1962 Estimate: \$180,000-220,000



PAUL GAUGUIN (1848-1903) Suite Volpini: ten plates, the set of ten zincographs, nine in black, one in reddish-brown, 1889 Estimate: \$70,000-100,000



JOAN MIRO (1893-1983) Série noire et rouge: one plate etching with hand-coloring, 1938 Estimate: \$20,000-30,000



CLAES OLDENBURG (b. 1929) Profile Airflow, cast-polyurethane relief over lithograph in colors, 1968-69 Estimate: \$60,000-80,000



ROY LICHTENSTEIN (1923-1997) Reflections on Girl, from *Reflections Series*, lithograph, screenprint and relief in colors, with metalized PVC collage with embossing, 1990 Estimate: \$60,000-80,000

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