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Centuries of Style, European Ceramics, Portrait Miniatures, Gold Boxes and Silver

King Street, Tuesday, 3 June 2014 #1529

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

180 lots sold
304 lots offered
4 lots withdrawn

Total: **£3,683,063 / \$6,165,448 / €4,526,484**
\$1.674 = £1 / €1.229 = £1

59% sold by lot
72% sold by value

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Price Realised	Buyer
243	An important George II enamelled gold snuff-box, London, <i>circa</i> 1760 WORLD RECORD PRICE FOR AN ENGLISH SNUFF BOX AT AUCTION	50,000-80,000	£350,500 \$586,737 €430,765	UK Trade
53	A Sevres ormolu-mounted beau bleu-ground slender oviform two-handled imperial portrait vase, 1810-13	50,000-70,000	£338,500 \$566,649 €416,017	Anonymous
331	A pair of George III silver-gilt wine-coolers, collars and liners mark of Benjamin and James Smith, London, 1810	150,000-250,000	£242,500 \$405,945 €298,033	UK Trade
369	A pair of William III silver wine-coolers mark of David Willaume, London, 1700	150,000-250,000	£182,500 \$305,505 €224,293	US Trade
262	A Louis XV enamelled gold snuff-box Maker's Mark indistinct, Paris, 1745/1746	60,000-80,000	£182,500 \$305,505 €224,293	UK Trade
244	A George II gold snuff-box by Francis Harache, marked, London, 1753	30,000-50,000	£146,500 \$245,241 €180,049	Anonymous
385	A French empire gold-mounted, silver-gilt, gilt-bronze, mother-of-pearl, polished steel and ebony writing necessaire mark of Martin-Guillaume Biennais, Paris, 1803-1809	50,000-80,000	£98,500 \$164,889 €121,057	European Private
247	A Louis XV vari-colour gold snuff-box by Charles Le Bastier, marked, Paris, 1759/1760	70,000-100,000	£80,500 \$134,757 €98,935	European Private
116	A portrait miniature of Mme de Sartiges and her daughter by Jean-Baptiste Jacques Augustin (French, 1759-1832)	30,000-50,000	£80,500 \$134,757 €98,935	Private
180	A portrait miniature of Empress Josephine by Jean-Baptiste Jacques Augustin (French, 1759-1832)	40,000-60,000	£74,500 \$124,713 €91,561	Private

David McLachlan, Dominic Simpson, Harry Williams-Bulkeley & Jo Langston, commented: "The gold box section of the sale saw strong results throughout, which was led by a magnificent George II enamelled gold snuff-box, *circa* 1760 - setting a new world record price for an English snuff-box at auction, realizing £350,500, far exceeding its pre-sale estimate of £50,000-80,000. We were particularly pleased with the result of the Louis XV enamelled gold snuff-box and the George II gold snuff-box by Francis Harache both tripling their pre-sale estimates. Leading the European ceramics section was a lavish Sevres Imperial portrait vase that achieved an exceptional price of £338,500 and the very rare pair of Nymphenburg busts by Bustelli. Elsewhere in the sale we saw continued strength of the market for silver, as demonstrated by an important pair of George III silver-gilt wine-coolers by Benjamin and James Smith that sold for £242,500. The portrait miniatures section saw competitive bidding, particularly for the top lots of this section of the sale. French miniatures performed extremely well with an 18th century miniature of Mme de Sartiges and her daughter selling for £80,500 against an estimate of £30,000-50,000 and an important portrait of Empress Josephine, given by the sitter to her Reader, by the same artist made £74,500. Demand for top quality and historical pieces remains high and international. We now look forward to the next sale of Centuries of Style on the 25 November 2014 in London."

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Next Sale: King Street, 25 November 2014

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