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CHRISTIE'S SHANGHAI AUTUMN WEEK DEBUTS LANDMARK NEW SALE CATEGORIES

INAUGURAL SALE FOR "+86 FIRST OPEN"



Auctions commence on 24 October 2015 at The Peninsula Hotel, Shanghai

Shanghai, September 29, 2015 — Christie's China announces that its autumn auctions commencing on 24 October will be held at the Peninsula Hotel in Shanghai. Highlights at the four auctions include new categories in fine arts and collectibles.

+86 First Open, dedicated to a new generation of contemporary Chinese artists and featuring 33 works of diverse media, styles and themes, will debut at the autumn Shanghai auctions.

Christie's **Chinese and Asian Contemporary Design** sale will return to Shanghai with an even richer selection of unique items, created by some of the most sophisticated designers and craftsmen currently active in Asia, demonstrating the dynamism of Asian decorative art and design, its exceptional traditional craftsmanship, and modern day utility.

The traditional evening auction of major **Asian and Western 20th Century & Contemporary Art** features a phenomenal selection of exceptional art from the West and the East spanning a wide range of categories, such as Asian 20th century and Contemporary Art, Chinese Contemporary Ink, Impressionist and Modern Art, Post-War and Contemporary Art and Prints. Only the works of the most internationally acclaimed and established artists were selected, including among others works by Marc Chagall (1887-1985), Francis Bacon (1909-1992), Chu Teh-Chun (1920-2014), Luo Zhongli (b.1948), and Zeng Fanzhi (b.1964). The Post-War & Contemporary Art section will also feature five works exploring the themes of abstraction and minimalism, including a painting by Sterling Ruby (b. 1972) and sculptures by Anish Kapoor (b.1954) and Antony Gormley (b. 1950). Highlights of Impressionist and Modern Art include an impressive set of 19 silver plates designed in 1956 by Pablo Picasso (1881-1973), and La Cariatide au vase, a monumental bronze by Auguste Rodin (1840-1917), an artist whose work will be auctioned by Christie's for the first time in mainland China.

Elements of Style, an auction of luxury collectibles, will present 110 exquisite timepieces alongside an inaugural sale of a collection of 18 top quality handbags from renowned international brands.

A private sale exhibition will be dedicated to **Jewellery**, alongside **The Art of Music**, featuring exceptionally rare Italian stringed instruments which Christie's will bring to China for the very first time, exquisitely highlighting the Golden Age of Italian making.

Christie's Shanghai Autumn Week will also showcase a selection of International Sales Highlights, including among others, precious antique **Gold Boxes** to be auctioned in London this December.

To engage and inspire private collectors, Christie's will host a programme of interesting lectures and art forums.

Jinqing Cai, President of Christie's China, commented, "In recent years Chinese collectors have brought new vitality to the international art market and they have embraced a much wider range of collecting categories. Through Christie's innovative auctions and exhibitions in China and overseas, we build on our trusted relationship with clients by offering the best accessibility of art work and meeting the changing taste in demands. From the outstanding musical instruments from 17-18th century's Italy, to the brave new work of emerging Chinese contemporary artists and Asian designers, we have kept the fascination of the art collectors and enthusiasts alike to engage with Christie's and to live with art."

Francois Curiel, Chairman of Christie's Asia Pacific, added: "Since our inaugural Shanghai auctions in 2013, Christie's has been bringing to China museum-quality exhibitions and educational programmes as well as introducing new approaches to art sales in this market. As a leader in global auctions, we will continue to reinvent ourselves by offering our clients new categories in our auctions to better serve collectors in Asia, Europe and America."

The inaugural **+86 First Open** auctions will feature an ensemble of artists born in the late 1960s to late 1980s. They include Huang Yuxing (b. 1975), Liu Wei (b. 1972), Ouyang Chun (b. 1974), Qiu Xiaofei (b. 1977), Qu Fengguo (b. 1966), Tu Hongtao (b. 1976), Xu Zhen (b. 1977), Zhang Enli (b. 1965) and their works explore a wide variety of subjects, such as social and historical topics, psychological issues and personal confrontations, as well as reflections on tradition and popular culture.

Jussi Pylkkänen, Global President, Christie's, declared: "Christie's has long been a champion of contemporary art. Ten years ago, we expanded our mission to present cutting edge modern art to a wider audience with the 'First Open' series and we are now delighted to inaugurate '+86 First Open' in China; a unique collection of contemporary works of art of multifarious themes and media, by the brightest stars of a new generation of Chinese artists".

New York	26-29 Sept	Christie's NewYork, Rockfeller Center
Chengdu	10 Oct	Temple House
Beijing	16-17 Oct	China World Summit Wing
Shanghai	22-24 Oct	The Peninsula Shanghai & Christie's Art Space at Ampire Building

Christie's Shanghai 2015 Autumn Auctions

24 Oct	10:30	Elements of Style
	16:00	Chinese and Asian Contemporary Design
	18:00	+86 First Open
	19:00	Asian and Western 20 th Century & Contemporary Art

+86 FIRST OPEN

The inaugural +86 auction will feature a finely curated selection of 33 works of art, including paintings, photographs, installations and videos, demonstrating Christie's unparalleled strength in this category and the unique curatorial approach it brings to showcase the revolutionary, experimental and ground-breaking works of today's Chinese artists.

Presenting an unprecedented array of works including *Purple Air* by Liu Wei (b. 1972) and *Stiff Remains* by Qiu Xiaofei (b. 1977), the auction features an ensemble of some of the most energetic and radical Chinese artists working today. Born in the periods ranging from the late 1960s to late 1980s, the artists featured in the auction include Zhang Enli (b. 1965), Qu Fengguo (b. 1966), Chen Xiaoyun (b.1971), Ouyang Chun (b. 1974), Huang Yuxing (b. 1975), Chen Qiulin (b. 1975), Tu Hongtao (b. 1976), Xu Zhen (b. 1977), Shi Zhying (b. 1979), Sun Xun (b.1980), Ran Huang (b. 1982), and Chen Tianzhuo (b. 1985), etc. Their works explore a wide variety of subjects, such as social and historical topics, psychological issues and personal confrontations, as well as reflections on tradition and popular culture.



ASIAN AND WESTERN 20TH CENTURY & CONTEMPORARY ART

Asian 20th Century & Contemporary Art

Art has always been a reflection of the emotions and personal struggle. This season, pivotal oil on canvas works by Zeng Fanzhi (b. 1964), Luo Zhongli (b. 1947), Chu Teh-Chun (1920-2014) and Wang Guangyi (1957) are not just among the highlights presented, but also eloquent representatives of the path breaking events of a contemporary society.



Post-War and Contemporary Art

Christie's is glad to present five works from Post-War & Contemporary that explore the timeless theme of abstraction and minimalism. A top highlight is *SP58* created by American artist Sterling Ruby who's known for the diversity of his artistic practice. *SP58* is an unexpected yet wonderful combination of the dense atmospheric effects of color field painting with graffitied symbols and scribbles. Additionally we feel very fortunate to bring two stunning sculpture works by the most celebrated artists in this field - Antony Gormley and Anish Kapoor. As mentioned by the Gormley studio, "Each *Domain* is an attempt to separate the subtle body from the material body; to abstract an attitude and expose it to light and space". *Untitled* by Anish Kapoor is also a classic piece, an attempt to reduce the art to its very basic and pure form, a step closer to the spiritual sublime.



Impressionist and Modern Art

Leading the Evening sale's 20th Century Western art selection is a resonating set of 19 silver plates designed by Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973) in 1956. Initially kept for the artist's own personal collection, in 1967 Picasso authorised the silversmiths Francois et Pierre Hugo to produce each plate in a numbered edition of 20. Presently on offer is one of only a few known complete sets, each featuring a unique and playful design portraying some of the artist's most favoured motifs. Offered for the first time at auction by Christie's in mainland China is an exquisite and monumental bronze by Auguste Rodin (French, 1840-1917), La Cariatide au vase. Sold directly by the Musée Rodin, Paris, this imposing work draws upon classical subject matter and the emotive stylisation of his predecessor Michelangelo. Developed from a motif in Rodin's most celebrated composition, The Gates of Hell, the original plaster of La Cariatide au vase is housed in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, and other posthumous bronze casts presently reside in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; the Cleveland Art Museum; and Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Following pervasive interest in the work of French artists Bernard Buffet (French, 1928-1999) and André Brasilier (French, B. 1929) in our 2014-2015 Shanghai sales, we are pleased to present Buffet's superbly worked 1954 still life, Compotier et vase de fleurs and a harmonious winter landscape filled with horse riders in Brasilier's Promenade à cheval, featuring glittering gold leaf. A further sale highlight is Marc Chagall's (Russian/French, 1887-1985) 1959 composition, Les amoureux à la palette, which incorporates some of the Russian born artist's central dreamlike elements, resulting in the visual poetry for which he is celebrated.



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PABLO PICASSO (SPANISH , 1881-1973) Dix-neuf plats en argent; A Complete Set of Nineteen Silver Plates Conceived in ceramic by Picasso in 1956 and each executed in silver by François et Pierre Hugo in a numbered edition of 20 plus two exemplaires d'artiste and two exemplaires d'auteur Nineteen silver repoussé plates Estimate: RMB 9,000,000 - 15,000,000 US\$ 1,400,000 - 2,400,000

US\$ 300,000 - 500,000



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ANDRÉ BRASILIER (FRENCH, B. 1929) Promenade à cheval Oil and gold leaf on canvas 130 x 162 cm. (51 ¹/₄ x 63 ³/₄ in.) Painted in 2013 Estimate: RMB 500,000 - 800,000 US\$ 80,000 - 130,000



US\$ 900,000 - 1,300,000

Prints

Damien Hirst's art deals with the polarities of human experience: birth and death, science and religion, fear and love. "Love is a beautiful thing" he says, "I see it as a small antidote to all the horror in the world". Big Love, a bright red heart embellished with butterfly wings, joyfully celebrates love while also hinting at its fragility.

The author and ethnographer Michel Leiris (1901-1990) was a significant influence on Francis Bacon. Bacon identified with Leiris's writings in which the author struggled to understand the intimate, and yet fundamentally violent, nature of experience. This was a theme which was powerfully expressed by Bacon in his studies of the Bull Fight, in which the struggle between corrida and bull embodies man's conquest of nature. *Miroir de la Tauromachie (Mirror of the Bullfight)*, a collaboration between the artist and author, is a profound meditation bringing together text and image.



DAMIEN HIRST (BRITISH, B. 1965) *Big Love* Screenprint with diamond dust, 2010 1546 × 1510 mm Estimate: RMB 150,000 – 250,000 US\$ 24,000 – 40,000

Chinese Contemporary Ink



HE BAILI (CHINESE, B. 1945) *Autumn Colours* Ink and colour on paper 88 x 87 cm (34 ⁵/₈ x 34 ¹/₄ in.)

Estimate: RMB 350,000 – 550,000 US\$ 55,000 - 70,000



JIANG HONGWEI (CHINESE, B. 1957) *Plum Blossom and Parrot* Ink and colour on paper 40.5 x 69 cm. (16 x 27 ¹/₈ in.) Painted in 2015 Estimate: RMB 320,000 - 380,000 U\$\$ 50,000 - 60,000



XUE LIANG (CHINESE, B. 1956) *Spring Colours* Ink and colour on paper 50 x 50 cm. (19 ⁵/₈ x 19 ⁵/₈ in.) Painted in 2013 Estimate: RMB 350,000 – 450,000 US\$ 55,000 - 70,000

FRANCIS BACON (BRITISH, 1909-1992) *Miroir de la Tauromachie* Porftolio of four lithographs, 1990 510 × 385 mm Estimate: RMB 400,000 – 600,000 US\$ 65,000 – 95,000

CHINESE AND ASIAN CONTEMPORARY DESIGN

The curated auction will celebrate the dynamism of Asian decorative art and design, its exceptional traditional craftsmanship and modern day utility, which features a unique selection of 35 lots especially made for the auction by masters from China, Japan and Korea. To further unravel the magic of living with art, Christie's has invited three internationally renowned architects and designers Cho Byung Soo (Korea), Kengo Kuma (Japan) and Jiang Qionger (China) to create in drawings their own interior inspired by the pieces offered in the sale.



ELEMENTS OF STYLE

Watches

Encouraged by the enthusiastic response of our watch collectors in China, Christie's Shanghai is delighted to inaugurate our newly named sale "Elements of Style" with a carefully curated sale of 110 timepieces from the world's most prestigious watch manufacturers and jewelers. Variety and affordability are the two key highlights of this sale. Our selection is designed to showcase the various technological skills, craftsmanship and innovative designs of high horology and features examples from blue chip brands such as Patek Philippe, Breguet, Vacheron Constantin, Harry Winston and Cartier amongst others. From a hand painted dial on Meissen porcelain or a painted enamel pocket watch, to exquisitely diamond and gem-set watches to the highly technical complications of perpetual calendar and moon phases, each timepiece is the culmination of years of expertise and experience. At the same time, each watch is attractively priced, with 47 lots offered with No Reserve.



Handbags

This auction represents the first time that Christie's has sold Handbags in China. The decision was made to launch the department in mainland due to the overwhelming interest we saw in the Hong Kong auctions. We are taking the first, small step by offering 18 lots as part of the cross-category luxury lifestyle auction on 24 October. Each piece was carefully chosen for this market; custom pieces, limited editions, bright pinks and purples, and even a few exotic skins.



PRIVATE SALE EXHIBITIONS AND OVERSEAS HIGHLIGHTS



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About Christie's

Christie's, the world's leading art business, had global auction and private sales in the first half of 2015 that totalled £2.9 billion / \$4.5 billion. In 2014, Christie's had global auction and private sales that totalled £5.1 billion/\$8.4 billion, making it the highest annual total in Christie's history. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service and expertise, as well as international glamour. Founded in 1766 by James Christie, Christie's has since conducted the greatest and most celebrated auctions through the centuries providing a popular showcase for the unique and the beautiful. Christie's offers around 450 auctions annually in over 80 categories, including all areas of fine and decorative arts, jewellery, photographs, collectibles, wine, and more. Prices range from \$200 to over \$100 million. Christie's also has a long and successful history conducting private sales for its clients in all categories, with emphasis on Post-War & Contemporary, Impressionist & Modern, Old Masters and Jewellery.

Christie's has a global presence with 54 offices in 32 countries and 12 salerooms around the world including in London, New York, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Amsterdam, Dubai, Zürich, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Mumbai. More recently, Christie's has led the market with expanded initiatives in growth markets such as Russia, China, India and the United Arab Emirates, with successful sales and exhibitions in Beijing, Mumbai and Dubai.

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