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JOAN MIRÓ (1893-1983), Equinoxe, 1967. Etching with aquatint and carborundum in colors on Mandeure paper. No. 69/70. Estimate: \$60,000-80,000.



ROY LICHTENSTEIN (1923-1997), Sweet Dreams Baby! 1965, screenprint in colors, on smooth wove paper. No. 83/200. Estimate: \$70,000-90,000.

Evening Sale: October 27, 6 p.m., Christie's Rockefeller Center Day Sale: October 28, 12 p.m., 4 p.m.

**New York** – Christie's New York this week presents a two-part sale of *Prints & Multiples*, featuring editions by many of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's greatest artists. A special <u>Evening Sale on October 27</u> at 6 p.m. focuses on two of the great masters of the modern era, Joan Miró and Pablo Picasso, who explored the art of printmaking, in collaboration with the leading print shops of their day, with the same gusto and creativity that they brought to other media.

Richard Lloyd, International Head of Christie's Prints and Multiples Department, describes the two artists' contrasting approaches to the medium of print-making: 'Picasso always liked to do things the printmaker is not meant to do just for the sheer effect of it. Printmaking is bound by a lot of tradition and whereas

Miró was happy to work within the parameters, Picasso was — at a glance — more experimental.' Visit Christies.com to read more about Picasso's and Miro's artistry in print.



From the Property of Jacquelyn Miller Matisse, is a complete example of Henri Matisse's (1869-1954) *Jazz*, (pictured at left, estimate: \$250,000-350,000). Matisse toiled over the series for two years using a stencil technique known as *pochoir* to link drawing and color in a bold, colorful, rhythmic dynamism that evoked the pace and movement of a jazz orchestra. The artist's own poetic text accompanies his designs. Of all Matisse's books, *Jazz* is his most important, it triggered a revolution in both the artist's oeuvre and in the history of contemporary art.

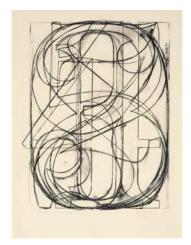
The <u>Day Sale on October 28</u> will also offer several exceptional Roy Lichtenstein prints, such as *Sweet Dreams Baby!*, a screenprint in colors from 1965, (pictured on first page, estimate: \$70,000-90,000), and other *Works from the Collection of Ileana Sonnabend and the Estate of Nina Castelli Sundell*. Mrs. Sonnabend was one the most influential figures of 20<sup>th</sup> century Post-War art who "discovered championed, promoted and collected art fearlessly," both as a gallerist and collector.

The sale also includes outstanding series and individual prints by Marc Chagall, Jasper Johns, Cy Twombly, and Andy Warhol, among others. More than 300 works are for sale, with estimates ranging from \$1,500 to \$800,000.

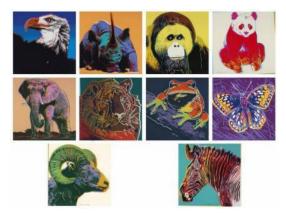
#### **Highlights include:**

- A comprehensive group of **Jasper Johns** (b. 1930) prints, including his <u>Black Numeral Series</u>, 1968, (pictured next page, estimate: \$120,000 180,000).
- Signature works by **Andy Warhol** (1928-1987), including a set of 10 screen prints of <u>Mao</u>, 1972, (pictured next page, estimate: \$600,000 800,000), a complete set of his 10 <u>Endangered Species</u> prints from 1983, (pictured next page, estimate: \$400,000 600,000), and <u>Car Crash</u>, c. 1978, (estimate: \$180,000 220,000).
- *Roman Notes*, 1970, a complete set of six lithographs by **Cy Twombly** (1928-2011), (pictured next page, estimate: \$300,000 500,000).
- Marc Chagall's (1887-1985) <u>Four Tales from Arabian Nights</u>, 1948, complete set of 12 signed & numbered lithographs, (pictured below, estimate: \$280,000 380,000).
- Claes Oldenburg's cast-polyeurethane over lithograph, <u>Profile Airflow</u>, 1968-72, (estimate: \$80,000 120,000).

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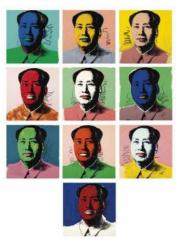
Jasper Johns (b. 1930), 0 Through 9, 1960



Andy Warhol (1928-1987), Endangered Species, 1983



Pablo Picasso (1881-1973), La Colombe, 1949



**Andy Warhol** (1928-1987), Mao, 1972



**Cy Twombly** (1928-2011), *Roman Notes*, 1970



Marc Chagall (1987-1985), Four Tales from Arabian Nights, 1948

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