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# **CHRISTIE'S SHANGHAI SPRING AUCTIONS 2015**

Beijing Preview | April 17-18 Shanghai Preview | April 23-25 Shanghai Auctions | April 25



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Shanghai – 31st March 2015 -- Continuing the momentum of regular auctions in China since 2013, Christie's announces its Spring programme with two fine art and lifestyle auctions on April 25, 2015 at the Peninsula Hotel in Shanghai. The preview of this auction will take place from April 23 to 25 at Christie's gallery in The Ampire Building, 97 Yuanmingyuan Road on the Bund.

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## Eastern and Western Art Meet at Christie's

The first auction "Prestigious Lifestyle" will take place on Saturday April 25 at 3pm. It will feature a fine collection of jewelry, watches and wine, carefully assembled by Christie's specialists in Asia, Europe and America.

Three hours later at 6pm, Jin Ling, Christie's auctioneer in China, will present "Asian and Western 20th Century & Contemporary Art", a selection of 80 works that challenge conventional interpretation of how we should look at art. It showcases creations that span multiple fields: 20th century Eastern art, American Post-War, Pop Art, Young British art, as well as Asian and Chinese modern and contemporary.

The sale includes art giants of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century: Marc Chagall (1887-1985), Salvador Dalí (1904-1989), Yayoi Kusama (b 1929), Pablo Picasso (1881-1973), Marc Quinn (b 1964), Andy Warhol (1928–1987), and Kim Dong-Yoo (b 1965). Also highlighted will be two prominent figures in Chinese Realism - Ai Xuan (b 1947) and Chen Danqing (b 1953). Another popular series, "Color and Ink" returns this season with works on paper from Chinese Contemporary ink to Western masters.

## **Emerging Chinese Artists Taking Center Stage**

Chen Fei (b 1983), Chen Yujun (b 1976), Hao Liang (b 1983), Jia Aili (b 1979), Liu Wei (b 1972), Peng Wei (b 1974), Qiu Xiaofei (b 1977), Tu Hongtao (b 1976), Wang Guangle (b 1976), a new wave of Chinese talents whose works Christie's will project to an international audience.

## Tribute to Nature and Life Forces

Ever the innovator in art presentation, Christie's auction will feature a selection of works on the theme of nature and life forces. These works by Hao Liang(b 1983), Jia Aili (b 1979), Marc Quinn(British, b 1964) and Andy Warhol (American, 1928–1987) prompt viewers to reflect on human existence and our place within the universe.

## International Auction Highlights also on View in Shanghai

Highlights from Christie's Hong Kong Spring auctions of fine, decorative art, jewels and wine will be on view in Beijing and Shanghai from April 17 to 25. This preview will be part of a program of exhibitions, lectures and conferences.

Old Masters from Christie's New York auction on June 3 will also be on exhibition in Shanghai during its auction week. They will include works by Jan Frans van Dael (1764-1840), Franz Christoph Janneck (1703-1761) and Lacroix de Marseille (c 1700-1782). Following will be a series of lectures and dialogues in Beijing, Hangzhou and Shanghai in early April. These events will be led by Christie's specialists and guest speakers Chinese contemporary artists Liu Dan on April 8 at Christie's Imperial Club, Beijing, and Zeng Fanzhi on April 13 at Yuan Space, Beijing, and a public lecture in Hangzhou on April 9.

### Expanding Accessibility to Art through Education

During the months of April, Christie's art forums will continue to serve as a platform for interchanges in art for artists, collectors and professionals, while Christie's Education will again offer short courses for art enthusiasts.

## Christie's – The Art People

"Once again, Christie's led the market for fine and decorative art in 2014. The place where Art People have met since 1766, we continue our mission to being the best and the finest to Shanghai and the world. We look forward to introducing new categories and new themes through the platform of Christie's in China. This season, we initiate the first ever tour of Old Masters highlights in China, supported by Christie's specialists' lectures and dialogues with artists, collectors and the public. Reflecting the common concern on the environment, we pay a special tribute to nature and life forces through artists' creations," said Jinqing Cai, President of Christie's, China.

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#### Note to Editors

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Shanghai Preview: April 23-25 | The Peninsula Shanghai + Christie's Shanghai\*

Shanghai Auctions: April 25 | The Peninsula Shanghai

\* Christie's Shanghai Address: Ampire Building, No. 97 Yuanmingyuan Road, Shanghai

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