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## **RESULTS: CLASSIC WEEK, DAY 1**

## Antiquities

## Masterpieces in Miniature Ancient Gems Formerly in the G. Sangiorgi Collection is 100% sold



ROMAN BLACK CHALCEDONY INTAGLIO PORTRAIT OF ANTINOUS CIRCA 130-138 A.D. Estimate: \$300,000 - \$500,000 Price Realized: \$ 2,115,000 Masterpieces in Miniature: Ancient Engraved Gems Formerly in the G. Sangiorgi Collection

10am | New York

Sale Total: \$10,640,500

The top lot of the sale was *A Roman Black Chalcedony Intaglio Portrait of Antinous*, which realized \$2,115,000 against a high estimate of \$500,000. The lot was sold after three minutes of competitive bidding between a bidder in the room and a bidder on the phone.

Other top lots include *A Roman Amethyst Ringstone With A Portrait of Demonsthenes* realized a total of \$1,575,000, and *A Greek Mottled Red Jasper Scaraboid with Perseus* achieved \$855,000.

**G. Max Berheimer, International Head, Antiquities, Christie's, comments:** "We are positively thrilled with the results of the Sangiorgi sale of gems, which was the finest collection to come to market in a generation or more. The 100 percent sold results showed the strength of the market for rare and beautiful works of art with strong provenance."

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A ROMAN MARBLE PORTRAIT BUST OF EMPEROR DIDIUS JULIANUS Reign 193 A.D. 28 in. (71.1 cm. high) Estimate: \$1,200,000 – 1,800,000

Price Realized: \$4,815,000

Antiquities 11am | New York

Sale Total: \$8,662,750

The top lot of the Antiquities sale was a *Roman Marble Portrait Bust of Emperor Didius Julianus* circa 193 A.D., which sold for \$4,815,000, against a high estimate of \$1,800,000. Hannah Solomon, Head of Sale, New York, comments: "A rare portrait bust with impeccable provenance and suburb condition resonated strongly with a wide range of clients, and we are delighted that it resulted in such a strong price."

Among the other top works in the collection include an *Egyptian Blue Chalcedony Horus-Behdet Amulet*, that achieved \$759,000, and a *European Gold Bracelet* from the Late Bronze Age, circa 1390-1000 B.C., which totaled \$519,000.

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