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RESULTS | POST-WAR AND CONTEMPORARY ART EVENING SALE | 15 MAY 2019 | NEW YORK

TOTAL: \$538,721,750 / £417,937,742 / €480,210,466

Lots Offered: **56**

Sold by Lot: **91%**

Lots Sold: **51**

Sold by Value: **95%**



The top lots of the sale were **Jeff Koon's, *Rabbit* (\$91,075,000) - a World Auction Record for Living Artist** and **Robert Rauschenberg's *Buffalo II*, which sold for \$88,805,000**, after a bidding war on the phones which lasted over 10 minutes

Market for Contemporary Sculpture redefined with New World Auction Records set for:

Jeff Koon's, *Rabbit* (\$91,075,000) **World Auction Record for Living Artist**

Louise Bourgeois, *Spider* \$32,055,000 **World Auction Record** and second highest price at auction for a woman artist

6 Further Records Were Set This Evening, Including:

World Auction Record: Robert Rauschenberg, *Buffalo II*, \$88,805,000

World Auction Record: Frank Stella, *Point of Pines*, \$28,082,500

World Auction Record: Larry Rivers, *The Last Civil War Veteran*, \$1,215,000

World Auction Record: Jonas Wood, *Japanese Garden 3*, \$4,928,500

World Auction Record: Daniel Buren, *Peinture aux formes indéfinies*, \$2,175,000

Record in the Medium: Bruce Nauman, *From Hand to Mouth*, \$1,575,000
*Full results are attached.

Strong results achieved for collections:

- **Masterpieces from The Collection of S.I. Newhouse** concluded with tonight's Evening Sale with outstanding results for the 6 lots that were offered tonight, following 5 that were sold in our Impressionist and Modern Art Evening Sale on Monday evening, bringing the final total to **\$216,287,500** against an overall estimate of \$136m. The group was led by Jeff Koons' monumental *Rabbit*, from 1986, which realized \$91,075,000, setting a new world auction record for a living artist.
- **The Robert B. and Beatrice C. Mayer Family Collection** dedicated selection, which commenced the Post-War and Contemporary Art Evening Sale, achieved very strong results of \$157,221,000, bringing the collection's running total to \$173,448,750. Tonight's group was led by Robert Rauschenberg's *Buffalo II*, which sold for \$88,805,000, setting a new world auction record for the artist. This was followed by Roy Lichtenstein's *Kiss III*, which realized \$31,135,000 and Larry Rivers' *The Last Civil War Veteran* which doubled its high estimate to achieve a world auction record of \$1,215,000. Further works will be offered in tomorrow's Post-War and Contemporary Art Day Sales.

Please find top ten and price lists and records attached. For further sale insights from the sale please visit [christies.com](https://www.christies.com) and the [Live stream of our post-sale Press Conference](#).

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