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CHRISTIE'S 2019 SHANGHAI AUTUMN AUCTIONS

An Exciting Collection of Art and Collectables from Around the World



Shanghai – Christie's is pleased to announce its 2019 Shanghai auctions will be held on 21 September with three dedicated sales, [「The Spirit of China – Kweichow Moutai」](#), [「FIRST OPEN | Shanghai : Living With Art」](#) and [「20th Century & Contemporary Art」](#). Complementing the three sales, is a touring exhibition of international highlights as well as a host of education programmes such as lectures, events and symposiums, providing a superb opportunity for collectors to immerse themselves in the world of art and culture.

Christie's will once again celebrate Shanghai as an international art hub by presenting a strong line-up of both Western and Eastern masterpieces, including artists to be offered for the first time in mainland China. This exciting offering is made possible by a global collaboration across art departments, building on the success of last year's auctions, when 100% of Western artworks were sold.

「The Spirit of China—Kweichow Moutai」



As the first international auction house to host a sale dedicated to renowned Chinese liquors, Christie's will build on the tremendous success of its inaugural sale in 2018, by offering more than 120 special lots this year.

The Spirit of China—Kweichow Moutai sale will take place on 21 September 2019 and feature highlights such as the Celebration of 50th National Day of China Moutai 1999, the Great Master Zhang Daqian Commemoration Moutai 2012 and the Jackie Chan Moutai 2013.

Having long been recognized as the official “State Liquor” in China, Moutai has been served at state banquets for revered guests or bestowed on foreign diplomats as gifts. In recent years, Moutai has attracted interest from a new wave of collectors, especially for limited edition bottles.

「FIRST OPEN | Shanghai: Living with Art」

Encompassing over 80 dynamic works, the **FIRST OPEN | Shanghai** sale will continue to explore the interplay between art and lifestyle and how they shape one another.

The sale will feature a broad array of works across mediums, including prints by world-renowned artists such as Zao Wou-Ki, Wifredo Lam, Francis Bacon and Yoshitomo Nara, contemporary Chinese artists such as Zhou Chunya, Mao Yan, Xu Zhen, Li Jin and Tai Xiangzhou, and pop-culture artists such as KAWS. Works by prominent 20th century Southeast Asian artists will also be included in the line-up.

This season will also see the return of **The Contemporary Scholar's Studio**. This curated section features 31 works of art including tea wares, literati ink, Chinese furniture and scholar's objects, embodying the timeless and transcendent essence of a scholar's studio.



「20TH CENTURY & CONTEMPORARY ART」



As the highlight of Christie's Shanghai autumn sales, the flagship **20th Century & Contemporary Art** evening sale will feature a selection of exceptional global art, spanning a wide range of categories of art: Asian 20th Century and Contemporary, Chinese Contemporary Ink, Impressionist and Modern, and Post-War and Contemporary. 30 works from acclaimed artists have been carefully selected, including masterpieces by Zao Wou-Ki, Chu Teh-Chun, Marc Chagall, Salvador Dalí, Andy Warhol, and Alex Katz.

Leading this year's evening sale is Zao Wou-Ki's *Voie Lactée – 09.11.1956* - a spectacular and rare large-format early work. Depicting the Milky Way, an unusual subject in Zao Wou-Ki's career. The work also reflects his transition to pure abstraction. Meanwhile, *Le profil du temps*, an iconic, monumental, sculpture by Salvador Dalí is another highlight, featuring the instantly recognizable subject of the melting clock by the artist. Nearly four meters high, *Le profil du temps* is the manifestation of the artist's investigation into a world beyond our understanding, the subconscious realm of dreams, hallucinations and cerebral associations, rendered in his signature Renaissance-inspired, modern style.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

On view is also a selection of highlights from Christie's other international salerooms, including *Mousquetaire Buste*, a late work of Pablo Picasso to be sold in Paris, and a rare lifetime portrait on Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, attributed to Giambettino Cignaroli (1706–1770).

Christie's is also delighted to host the second art symposium *The Art of High Jewellery: Royal and Historic Jewels*, in Shanghai, where Geneva-based jewellery historian Vanessa Cron and Christie's jewellery specialist Caroline Liang will talk about the legendary gems that adorned the kings and queens of Europe, the international market and collecting trends of high jewellery.

AUCTIONS SCHEDULE		
September 21	11:00 AM	「 THE SPIRIT OF CHINA – KWEICHOW MOUTAI 」
	15:30 PM	「 FIRST OPEN SHANGHAI: Living with Art 」
	18:00 PM	「 20 TH CENTURY & CONTEMPORARY ART 」 Evening Sales

PREVIEW SCHEDULE		
Beijing Preview	September 14 - 15	Jinbao Street, Beijing Art Space
Shanghai Preview	September 19 - 21	The Peninsula Hotel & Christie's Shanghai Art Space

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About Christie's

Christie's, the world's leading art business, had auction sales in the first half of 2019 that totalled £2.2 billion / \$2.8 billion. Christie's is a name and place that speaks of extraordinary art, unparalleled service and international expertise. Christie's offers around 350 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.

Alongside regular sales online, Christie's has a global presence in 46 countries, with 10 salerooms around the world including in London, New York, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Amsterdam, Dubai, Zürich, Hong Kong, and Shanghai.

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