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Christie's Debuts Innovative New Evening Sale:

HI-LITE

An Electrifying Line-up of Works with Global Popular Appeal Speaking to a New Generation of Collectors

Hong Kong - The HI-LITE sale on 23 November features artwork by some of today's top contemporary artists, whose neo-pop aesthetic, and connection to commercial art, cartoons, and street culture have gained them a global cult following. Many of the pieces selected for this sale employ a similar visual style featuring bold flattened forms, bright colors, and clean lines, referencing images appropriated from popular media and fashion, music, graffiti and animation.



TAKASHI MURAKAMI; & PHARRELL WILLIAMS (B. 1962) & (B. 1973)
The Simple Things

fiberglass, steel, LED light system, acrylic and 7 objects made of gold
(white, yellow, and pink) set with rubies, sapphires, emeralds and diamonds
sculpture: 78 (H) x 110 x 101 cm. (30 3/4 x 43 1/4 x 39 3/4 in.)
stand: 110 (H) x 80 x 75 cm. (43 1/4 x 31 1/2 x 29 1/2 in.)
overall: 188 (H) x 110 x 101 cm. (74 x 43 1/4 x 39 3/4 in.)
Executed in 2008 – 2009

HK\$20,000,000 – 30,000,000
US\$2,600,000 – 3,900,000

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Leading this sale is the artwork *The Simple Things* by **Takashi Murakami & Pharrell Williams** (pictured on previous page). This unique work, reappearing on the market for the first time since its debut in 2009, features a selection of everyday consumer objects made using 26,000 gemstones and precious metals. Featuring an incarnation of Murakami's most beloved character creation Mr. DOB, *The Simple Things* not only serves as a commentary on consumer culture and modern living, but is also a landmark product of collaboration between Murakami and Williams, and has featured in many important international exhibitions of Murakami's work.

"Encouraged by the success of the ICONOCLAST sale last season, we are proud to present a fresh new sale concept which brings together numerous artists that appeal to a new generation of collectors", says **Evelyn Lin, Head of the 20th Century and Contemporary Art department**. "Our aim this season is to present works that challenge the traditional notions of art, and to explore how the boundaries between genres such as Japanese manga, street culture, commercial design and fashion continue to play a pivotal role in how we understand art in the modern-day era."

Additional Highlights



YOSHITOMO NARA (B. 1959)
Angry Blue Boy
acrylic on cotton mounted on canvas
198 x 193 cm. (78 x 76 in.)
Painted in 2008

HK\$15,000,000 – 20,000,000
US\$2,000,000 – 2,600,000



ALEX ISRAEL (B. 1959)
Sky Backdrop
acrylic on canvas
274.5 x 487.5 cm. (108 1/8 x 191 7/8 in.)
Painted in 2013

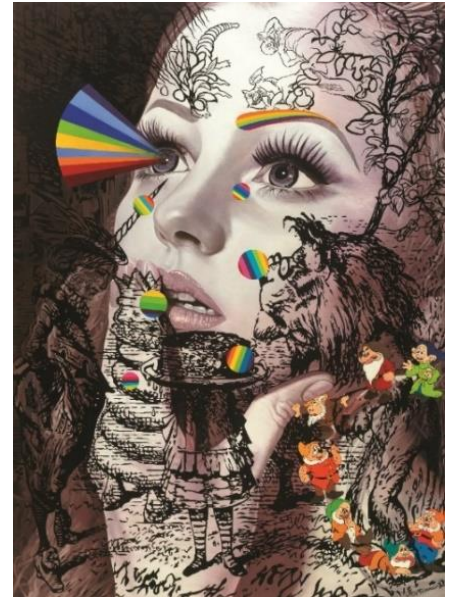
HK\$4,000,000 – 6,000,000
US\$520,000 – 770,000

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NICOLAS PARTY (B. 1980)
Rocks
pastel on canvas
220 x 100 cm. (86 3/4 x 39 1/4 in.)
Painted in 2016

HK\$4,100,000 – 5,000,000
US\$530,000 – 640,000



RONALD VENTURA (B. 1973)
Humanime (1)
oil on canvas
214 x 152 cm. (84 1/4 x 59 7/8 in.)
Painted in 2012

HK\$1,500,000 – 2,500,000
US\$190,000 – 320,000

Notes to Editors

Auction: HI-LITE

Date: 23th November 2019

Venue: Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, No. 1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong

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