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CHRISTIE'S TO PRESENT A DECEMBER DAY SALE OF IMPRESSIONIST AND MODERN ART

INCLUDING WORKS BY PICASSO, BAUER, KUBIN AND RENOIR

LIVE AUCTION: 4 DECEMBER 2020, 20 Rockefeller Center



PABLO PICASSO (1881–1973)
Buste d'homme à la cigarette
pastel and colored wax crayons on paper
Drawn on 31 May 1964
Estimate: \$1,000,000–1,500,000



RUDOLF BAUER (1889–1953)
Third Symphony in 3 Movements, Triptych (left section)
oil on canvas
Painted in 1930–1934
Estimate: \$400,000–600,000

NEW YORK – On December 4, Christie's will present the **Day Sale of Impressionist and Modern Art**. Featuring 132 works in total by the leading artists of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the sale is highlighted by significant artworks from a range of artistic movements such as Impressionism, German Expressionism and Modernism. Sale highlights include exceptional works by Pablo Picasso, Rudolf Bauer, Pierre-Auguste Renoir and Alfred Kubin.

Pablo Picasso's *Buste d'homme à la cigarette* headlines the sale at an estimate of \$1,000,000–1,500,000. Drawn on 31 May 1964, *Buste d'homme à la cigarette* is exceptional in its iconic subject matter, date, vibrant colors and quality of execution. This frontal portrait depicts a bearded young man donning a cigarette and wearing a striped fisherman's shirt—two recurring autobiographical motifs in the artist's oeuvre from the mid-1960s. The artist began a series of male portraits in 1964, at the age of 83, in which he relives and reimagines himself at various stages in his life. Christie's is thrilled to offer this striking work,

which has remained in private hands for over 50 years since it was acquired by the late Arnold and Dorothy Neustadter.

Of particular note are four works by Alfred Kubin from **The Collection of Serge and Vally Sabarsky**. Kubin was an Austrian artist and pioneer of Symbolism and Expressionism, who drew on dark, sordid and fantastical imagery to create his captivating black-and-white drawings. These four works—which range in their depictions from a nude, pregnant sorceress trailing skulls to a sea of hooded figures—display the artist’s exquisite draftsmanship and use of inkwash to render his intimate and atmospheric visions.

Le petit peintre (Claude Renoir) by Pierre-Auguste Renoir anchors the Impressionist section, estimated at \$600,000-800,000. In this work, Renoir beautifully depicts the artist’s youngest son “Coco” seated at his easel with delicate brushstrokes and warm tones. Born in 1901 when the artist was sixty, Coco brought the artist inspiration and joy in his later years. Christie’s is pleased to offer this work from the esteemed collection of Hermann and Else Schnabel, notable collectors of Impressionist art.

SALE HIGHLIGHTS TO INCLUDE:



SALVADOR DALÍ (1904–1989)
Projets de rideaux de scène et études préliminaires dit aussi "Grand dessin"
pen and black and brown inks on card
Drawn in 1945
Estimate: \$350,000-450,000



MARCEL DUCHAMP (1887–1968)
De ou par Marcel Duchamp ou Rose Sélavy (La Boîte-en-valise), Series B
leather case containing 68 miniature replicas and color reproductions of works by the artist
Conceived in 1935-1941; assembled in 1952
Estimate: \$400,000-600,000



JEAN (HANS) ARP (1886–1966)
Constellation Stutt II
painted wood relief
Executed in 1956; unique
Estimate: \$180,000-250,000



PIERRE-AUGUSTE RENOIR (1841–1919)
Le petit peintre (Claude Renoir)
oil on canvas
Painted in 1907
Estimate: \$600,000-800,000



PIERRE BONNARD (1867–1947)
Raisins noirs et pêches ou Panier de fruits
oil on paper laid down on canvas
Painted in 1918
Estimate: \$400,000-600,000



ALFRED KUBIN (1877–1959)
Das Couplet
pen and India ink, ink wash and pencil on paper
Estimate: \$350,000-450,000

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