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PHILLIPS' DESIGN SALE IN NEW YORK ACHIEVES \$4 MILLION

Women Designers Shine Among Sale's Highest Achievers

New Records for Judy Kensley McKie, Michele Oka Doner, Pierre Yovanovitch, and Bae Se Hwa

New York, 10 June 2025

Sale Total: \$4,000,246 / £2,963,853 / €3,501,275

Lots Sold: 77 | Lots Offered: 85

Sold by Lot: 91% | Sold by Value: 96%



Judy Kensley McKie
"Fish" bench, 1999
Sold for \$406,400



Claude Lalanne
"Crococurule," 2009
Sold for \$330,200

Benjamin Green, Associate Specialist and Head of Sale, Design, New York, said, "Today's auction delivered exceptional results and reaffirmed the strength of the design market. We began with great energy as a T.H. Robsjohn-Gibbings console table achieved \$40,640 — nearly seven times its low estimate — setting the pace for a day marked by strong bidding and standout performances. Notably, works by celebrated women designers made a powerful impact, with Judy Kensley McKie's 'Fish' bench leading the sale, selling for \$406,400 and breaking the world auction record for the artist. Works by Line Vautrin and Claude Lalanne are also among the top four lots of the sale. Lalanne's 'Crococurule' commanded \$330,200 against a low estimate of \$100,000, while Michele Oka Doner's 'Burning Bush' candelabrum with snuffer also achieved impressive results, selling for \$58,420 — nearly ten times the low estimate.

Italian lighting design quickly followed with impressive momentum, with all three Tomaso Buzzi lots selling for more than double their estimates, highlighting the continued enthusiasm for mid-century Italian craftsmanship. A 100%-sold selection of lighting designs by Tiffany Studios was another standout, led by a rare turtle-back tile ceiling light from circa 1905, which sold for \$279,400, and an 'American Indian' desk lamp from circa 1910, which achieved \$139,700.

Additional highlights included Pierre Chareau chairs, which sold for more than twice their low estimate, and a Serge Roche table lamp that quadrupled its estimate, reaching \$27,940. Collectors also responded enthusiastically to furnishings by George Nakashima, as well as works by Paul Dupré-Lafon, Jean Prouvé, and Pierre Yovanovitch, whose 'Candy Pebble' side table sold for more than ten times its high estimate.

This sale was a powerful testament to the enduring appeal, diversity, and innovation of 20th-century and contemporary design. We're grateful for the passionate engagement of our global community of collectors and look forward to building on this momentum in future sales."

Top Ten Lots

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
31	Judy Kensley McKie, <i>"Fish" bench</i> , 1999	\$150,000 - 250,000	\$406,400
16	Claude Lalanne, <i>"Crococurule"</i> , 2009	\$100,000 - 150,000	\$330,200
25	Tiffany Studios, <i>Rare turtle-back tile ceiling light</i> , circa 1905	\$150,000 - 200,000	\$279,400
2	Line Vautrin, <i>"Folie" or "Le Soleil à Rendez-vous avec la Lune" mirror</i> , circa 1956	\$180,000 - 240,000	\$241,300
34	Gio Ponti and Pietro Chiesa, <i>Large Ceiling Light</i> , circa 1930	\$25,000 - 35,000	\$228,600
29	George Nakashima, <i>Three-door room divider</i> , 1987	\$60,000 - 80,000	\$209,550
56	Diego Giacometti, <i>"Berceau" low table, second version</i> , circa 1970	\$200,000 - 300,000	\$203,200
30	Tiffany Studios, <i>Rare "American Indian" desk lamp</i> , circa 1910	\$80,000 - 120,000	\$139,700
12	Pierre Chareau, <i>Pair of chairs, variant of model no. MC 767</i> , circa 1927	\$20,000 - 30,000	\$76,200
67	Hans Coper, <i>"Cycladic" pot with spherical volume and oval lip</i> , circa 1972	\$40,000 - 60,000	\$76,200

New Auction Records

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
31	Judy Kensley McKie, <i>"Fish" bench</i> , 1999 WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST <i>*previous record price: \$ 387,500 set in 2022</i>	\$150,000 - 250,000	\$406,400
48	Michele Oka Doner, <i>Unique "Burning Bush" candelabrum with snuffer</i> , circa 1995 WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST <i>*previous record price: \$38,296 set in 2018</i>	\$6,000 - 8,000	\$58,420
49	Pierre Yovanovitch, <i>"Candy Pebble" side table</i> , 2021 WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST <i>*previous record price: \$26,501 set in 2019</i>	\$4,000 - 6,000	\$60,960
40	Bae Se Hwa, <i>"Steam 12" bench</i> , 2010 WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR THE ARTIST <i>*previous record price: \$37,500 set in 2017</i>	\$25,000 - 35,000	\$63,500

*Lot 75 was sold after the lot closed, whilst the sale was ongoing, and is therefore included in the total sale result.

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