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# PHILLIPS' MODERN & CONTEMPORARY ART EVENING SALE ACHIEVES £15 MILLION

London, 6 March 2025

Sale Total: £15,386,940 / \$19,821,456 / €18,350,465

Lots Sold: 26 | Lots Offered: 29 Sold by Lot: 90% | Sold by Value: 87%



Olivia Thornton, Phillips' Head of Modern & Contemporary Art, Europe, said, "Tonight's sale stands as a testament to the robust confidence placed in Phillips. In a more measured market, we remain focused and adaptable, curating thoughtful sales and delivering strong results for our clients, resulting in a 90% sell-through rate. We were excited to secure fresh-to-market works—nearly 75% of the sale had never been offered at auction before— with blue-chip names alongside cutting-edge artists, underscoring our commitment to bringing both fresh material and exceptional provenance to our auctions. We look forward to carrying this momentum into tomorrow's Day Sale and upcoming auctions in New York and Hong Kong."

**Top Ten Lots** 

Lo	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
9	Joan Mitchell, Canada II, 1975	£3,000,000 - 5,000,000	£2,710,000 \$3,491,022/€3,231,946

18	Jean-Michel Basquiat, <i>Pattya</i> , 1984	£2,000,000 - 3,000,000	£1,681,500 \$2,166,108/€2,005,357
16	Christopher Wool, Lester's Sister (My Brain), 2000	£1,200,000 - 1,800,000	£1,379,000 \$1,776,428/€1,644,595
6	Christopher Wool, <i>Untitled</i> , 1997	£600,000 - 800,000	£927,100 \$1,194,290/€1,105,659
14	Yayoi Kusama, INFINITY-NETS [APPGF], 2017	£700,000 - 1,000,000	£762,000 \$981,608/€908,761
7	Sean Scully, Landline Inward, 2015	£600,000 - 800,000	£736,600 \$948,888/€878,469
20	Yayoi Kusama, <i>Pumpkin,</i> 2006	£400,000 - 600,000	£635,000 \$818,007/€757,301
10	Anselm Kiefer, Für Gérard de Nerval, 2015-2021	£600,000 - 800,000	£635,000 \$818,007/€757,301
5	Jean-Michel Basquiat, <i>Untitled</i> , 1982	£400,000 - 600,000	£609,600 \$785,287/€727,009
27	KAWS, <i>GONE</i> , 2018	£600,000 - 800,000	£571,500 \$736,206/€681,571

## **New Auction Records**

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
2	Nathanaëlle Herbelin, Max, 2015-2022	£25,000 - 35,000	£57,150 \$73,621/€68,157
	*previous record price: £16,380 set in 2025		
3	Florian Krewer, <i>Untitled</i> , 2015.	£30,000 - 50,000	£40,640 \$52,352/€48,467
	*previous record price: £20,160 set in 2024		

Exchange Rate on 6 March 2025: GBP£1 = US\$1.2882, €1.1926, HK\$10.0128

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\*Estimates do not include buyer's premium; prices achieved include the hammer price plus buyer's premium.

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