

PHILLIPS’ NEW NOW: MODERN & CONTEMPORARY ART SALE ACHIEVES £3 MILLION

London, 3 December 2025

Sale Total: £3,054,075 / \$4,057,033 / €3,480,729

Lots Sold: 110 | Lots Offered: 140 Sold by Lot: 79% | Sold by Value: 80%



Damien Hirst's *Adenosine Monophosphate*, 2012 and Bernar Venet's *10 Acute Unequal Angles*, 2018

Louise Simpson, Specialist, Associate Director, Head of New Now, London, said “We are delighted to report that our New Now: Modern & Contemporary Art auction delivered a strong result, realising a total of £3 million. True to the spirit of New Now, the top ten lots showcase a dynamic mix of blue-chip names and bold new voices, led by Damien Hirst’s *Adenosine Monophosphate*. Standout results came from established women artists, including Etel Adnan, Miriam Cahn and Niki de Saint Phalle, whose works soared past their presale estimates. We were also thrilled to see Christo represented in the top ten, reinforcing the momentum from our *REVEALED: Important Works by Christo and Jeanne-Claude* section in the June Modern & Contemporary Art: Evening & Day Sale. The auction also marked the debut of Luke Silva, whose *Coimbra Fire* sold for £33,540, more than five times its low estimate.”

Top Ten Lots

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
16	Damien Hirst, <i>Adenosine Monophosphate</i> , 2012	£200,000 - 300,000	£264,450
25	Bernar Venet, <i>10 Acute Unequal Angles</i> , 2018	£150,000 - 200,000	£193,500
9	Etel Adnan, <i>Le poids du monde 2</i> , 2016	£40,000 - 60,000	£108,360

24	Miriam Cahn, <i>HÄNDE HOCH!</i> 22.08.2017 + 05.04.2018, 2017-2018	£50,000 - 70,000	£103,200
26	Christo, <i>Surrounded Islands (Project for Biscayne Bay, Greater Miami, Florida)</i> , 1983	£60,000 - 80,000	£103,200
30	Peter Beard, <i>Gorongosa Lion, Portuguese East Africa</i> , photographed in 1955 and executed in 2007	£70,000 - 90,000	£96,750
36	Mehdi Ghadyanloo, <i>Untitled</i> , 2023-2024	£50,000 - 70,000	£96,750
81	Edgar Plans, <i>Love is in the wall</i> , 2019	£25,000 - 35,000	£90,300
37	Yinka Shonibare CBE RA, <i>Apollo (after Francavilla)</i> , 2022	£50,000 - 70,000	£83,850
27	Christo, <i>Wrapped Reichstag (Project for Berlin)</i> , 1994	£60,000 - 80,000	£77,400

Exchange Rate on 3 December 2025: £1 = US\$1.3284, €1.1397, HK\$10.3411

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