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Phillips 20th Century & Contemporary Art Evening Sale Achieves £18.3 Million

World Auction Records Set for Marina Perez Simão and Francesca Mollett

London, 13 October 2023

Evening Sale Total: £18,332,400 / $22,387,527 / €21,214,253
Day Sale Total: £7,127,558 / $8,672,813 / €8,233,042
Combined Total for the Week: £25,459,958 / $31,060,340 / €29,447,295

Lots Sold: 38 | Lots Offered: 40 **Sold by Lot: 95% | Sold by Value: 97%**



Olivia Thornton, Phillips' Head of 20th Century & Contemporary Art, Europe, said, "We are proud of tonight's robust result of £18.3 million, which came in near the high estimate and sold 95% by lot. London truly stands as the vibrant crossroads of the global art market, drawing strong participation from Asia, the US, and Europe. With the global art community converging in London this week, we experienced the infectious energy of Frieze enter our saleroom, driving spirited bidding in the room as well over the phones and online. Our team assembled a sale featuring a diverse array of artists spanning the 20th and 21st centuries, with noteworthy prices achieved for Luc Tuymans and Banksy, among others. The ultra-contemporary artists continue to thrill collectors worldwide, with world auction records for Francesca Mollett and Marina Perez Simão, and very strong results for Mohammed Sami, Dana Schutz, Caroline Walker and Michaela Yearwood-Dan. The sale's essence was truly international, with bidders participating from across 36 countries. We eagerly anticipate our upcoming auction in New York next month and the incredible selection of movement-defining works from The Triton Collection Foundation."

Top Ten Lots

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
32	Banksy, *Forgive Us Our Trespassing,* 2011	£2,200,000 - 2,800,000	£2,710,000 $3,309,452 / €3,136,012
12	Luc Tuymans, *Rome*, 2007	£1,200,000 - 1,800,000	£1,500,000 $1,831,800 / €1,735,800

25	Cy Twombly, *Untitled*, 1973	£800,000 - 1,200,000	£914,400 $1,116,665 / €1,058,144
35	George Condo, *Seated Harlequin*, 2007	£750,000 - 950,000	£889,000 $1,085,647 / €1,028,751
17	Anish Kapoor, *Untitled*, 2012	£600,000 - 800,000	£825,500 $1,008,101 / €955,269
20	Anselm Kiefer*, Das einzige Licht*, 2006	£600,000 - 800,000	£698,500 $853,008 / €808,304
15	Alex Katz, *Ariel*, 2016	£650,000 - 850,000	£698,500 $853,008 / €808,304
13	Beatriz Milhazes, *Mares do Sul*, 2001	£600,000 - 800,000	£698,500 $853,008 / €808,304
26	Henri Matisse, *Grand Nu accroupi (Olga),* Conceived in 1909-1910 and cast in 1952	£600,000 - 800,000	£660,400 $806,480 / €764,215
43	Rudolf Stingel, *Untitled*, 2012	£550,000 - 750,000	£660,400 $806,480 / €764,215

New Auction Records

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
5	Marina Perez Simão, *Untitled,* 2020 **previous record price: 48,260 USD set in 2023*	£70,000 - 100,000	£95,250 $116,319 / €110,223
6	Francesca Mollett, *Two Thistles,* 2021 **previous record price: 81,900 GBP set in 2022*	£25,000 - 35,000	£254,000 $310,185 / €293,929

Phillips' 20th Century & Contemporary Art Day Sale Achieves £7 Million

World Auction Records Set for Alfie Caine, Celeste Rapone, Elitsa Ristova, Alexandre Diop, and Zhuang Hong Yi

London, 12 October 2023

Sale Total: £7,127,558 / $8,672,813 / €8,233,042

Lots Sold: 97 | Lots Offered: 127 **Sold by Lot: 76% | Sold by Value: 79%**





Simon Tovey, Head of 20th Century & Contemporary Art Day Sale, said, “We are pleased to have launched our Frieze week auctions with this result of £7 million. Despite market headwinds, we achieved several world records. The auction opened with a record price for Alfie Caine’s *Midday Sun*, setting the stage for spirited bidding on ultra-contemporary works, which carried through for our two auction newcomers, Klára Hosnedlová and Jessica Westhafer. The sale was led by a superb work by Georg Baselitz, and it was great to see auction records for artists including Celeste Rapone, Elitsa Ristova, Alexandre Diop, and Zhuang Hong Yi. The atmosphere in London this week is electric and truly international, with our Day Sale welcoming bidders from 45 countries worldwide."

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122	Georg Baselitz, *Raum licht wiln echt mehr (Rial blef well),* 2013	£300,000 - 500,000	£431,800 $525,414 / €498,772
127	Laura Owens, *Untitled,* 2014	£350,000 - 550,000	£381,000 $463,601 / €440,093
151	Barry Flanagan RA, *Thinker @ Rock Cross*, Conceived in 1997 and executed in 1998	£300,000 - 400,000	£355,600 $432,694 / €410,754
149	Louise Bourgeois, *The Worm*, Conceived in 1989 and cast in 2007	£300,000 - 500,000	£317,500 $386,334 / €366,744
123	Sean Scully, *Untitled*, 1990	£180,000 - 200,000	£292,100 $355,427 / €337,405
172	Günther Förg, *Untitled*, 1994	£180,000 - 250,000	£228,600 $278,160 / €264,056
136	Kenny Scharf, *Blobzetc...,* 2018	£100,000 - 150,000	£215,900 $262,707 / €249,386
198	Damien Hirst, *Beautiful Persephone Psychedelia Painting*, 2008	£150,000 - 200,000	£190,500 $231,800 / €220,047
118	Harold Ancart, *Untitled*, 2017	£150,000 - 250,000	£165,100 $200,894 / €190,707
115	Alexandre Diop, *Le Métisse Parisien*, 2022 **WORLD AUCTION RECORD**	£60,000 - 80,000	£158,750 $193,167 / €183,372

New Auction Records

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
101	Alfie Caine, *Midday Sun,* 2020 **previous record price: 88,200 GBP set in 2023*	£12,000 - 18,000	£88,900 $108,174 / €102,688
107	Celeste Rapone, *Fold*, 2019 **previous record price: 45,360 GBP set in 2023*	£20,000 - 30,000	£76,200 $92,720 / €88,019
113	Elitsa Ristova, *Twirls and Twine*, 2020 **previous record price: 165,100 USD set in 2023*	£15,000 - 20,000	£152,400 $185,440 / €176,037
115	Alexandre Diop, *Le Métisse Parisien*, 2022 **previous record price: 114,300 USD set in 2023*	£60,000 - 80,000	£158,750 $193,167 / €183,372
229	Zhuang Hong Yi, *Pandora's Box,* 2023 **previous record price: 34,320 EUR set in 2023*	£20,000 - 30,000	£33,020 $40,179 / €38,141

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