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Phillips' 20th Century & Contemporary Art Evening Sale is 100% Sold, Achieving £20 Million

World Auction Records Set for Caroline Walker, Angela Heisch and Sarah Ball

London, 2 March 2023

Evening Sale Total: £20,321,900 / \$24,337,507 / € 22,908,878

Lots Sold: 23 | Lots Offered: 23

Sold by Lot: 100% | Sold by Value: 100%



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Olivia Thornton, Phillips' Head of 20th Century & Contemporary Art, Europe, said, "The energy and enthusiasm we have seen during our preview carried through into tonight's Evening Sale, with bidding participation from across 34 countries leading to a total of £20.3 million, selling 100% by lot and by value. A highlight of the season has been the esteemed Collection of Marcel Brient, with the Willem de Kooning achieving over £6 million. Stand out works by women artists shared the stage, with Cecily Brown's *Skulldiver II* far exceeding its estimate as her market continues to deepen ahead of her upcoming show at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. A world auction record was then set for Caroline Walker, with *Threshold* selling to a determined collector in the room after an 11-minute bidding war. World records were also established for works by Angela Heisch and Sarah Ball. We also saw strong performances for works by Albert Oehlen, John Chamberlain, and Jean Dubuffet."

Top Ten Lots

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
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9	Willem de Kooning, [no title], 1984	£7,000,000 - 9,000,000	£6,065,500 \$7,264,043/€6,837,638
7	Cecily Brown, <i>Skulldiver II</i> , 2006	£1,000,000 - 1,500,000	£2,226,000 \$2,665,858/€2,509,370
21	Banksy, <i>Home Sweet Home</i> , 2006	£1,500,000 - 2,500,000	£1,742,000 \$2,086,219/€1,963,757
13	John Chamberlain, <i>Sprayed Myopia</i> , 1988	£650,000 - 850,000	£1,379,000 \$1,651,490/€1,554,547
11	Albert Oehlen, <i>Ascension</i> , 2001	£700,000 - 1,000,000	£1,076,500 \$1,289,216/€1,213,538
22	Anselm Kiefer, <i>Walhalla</i> , 2016	£700,000 - 1,000,000	£1,076,500 \$1,289,216/€1,213,538
8	Caroline Walker, <i>Threshold</i> , 2014 WORLD AUCTION RECORD	£150,000 - 200,000	£927,100 \$1,110,295/€1,045,120
20	Jean Dubuffet, <i>Site aléatoire avec 3 personnages</i> , 3 July 1982	£500,000 - 700,000	£838,200 \$1,003,828/€944,903
4	Loie Hollowell, <i>Split Orbs in purple, ochre, and brown</i> , 2021	£400,000 - 600,000	£635,000 \$760,476/€715,836
6	Shara Hughes, <i>The Unsteady Eddy</i> , 2017	£400,000 - 600,000	£533,400 \$638,800/€601,302

New Auction Records

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
3	Angela Heisch, <i>Egg White Blue</i> , 2019-2020 <i>*previous record price: 50,400 USD set in 2022</i>	£20,000 - 30,000	£76,200 \$91,257/€85,900
8	Caroline Walker, <i>Threshold</i> , 2014 <i>*previous record price: 693,000 GBP set in 2023</i>	£150,000 - 200,000	£927,100 \$1,110,295/€1,045,120
23	Sarah Ball, <i>Elliot</i> , 2020 <i>*previous record price: 94,500 GBP set in 2022</i>	£60,000 - 80,000	£120,650 \$144,490/€136,009

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