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STRONG PRICES AND 20 NEW RECORDS SET IN PHILLIPS' JUNE EDITIONS & WORKS ON PAPER SALE SHOWCASE THE STRENGTH OF THE MARKET FOR EDITIONS

America 250, A Dedicated Chapter of the Auction Celebrating the Country's 250th Anniversary, Sells 100% by Lot, Led by Roy Lichtenstein's *I Love Liberty*

Competitive Bidding Drives Strong Results for Roy Lichtenstein, Damien Hirst, Alex Katz, Robert Rauschenberg, and Joel Mesler, Among Others

New York, 24 June 2026

Sale Total: \$1,444,026 / £1,096,858 / €1,271,711

Lots Sold: 140 | Lots Offered: 157

Sold by Lot: 89% | Sold by Value: 97%



Roy Lichtenstein
I Love Liberty, 1982
Estimate: \$40,000–60,000
Sold for \$212,850



Damien Hirst
The Souls on Jacob's Ladder Take Their Flight, 2007
Estimate: \$80,000–120,000
Sold for \$122,550

Kelly Troester and Cary Leibowitz, Deputy Chairpersons and Worldwide Co-Heads of Editions, said, “This afternoon’s sale opened with great enthusiasm for *AMERICA 250*, a dedicated section that brought together a dynamic group of works reflecting the complexity and richness of American visual culture in honor of the country’s 250th anniversary. We were thrilled to see such strong engagement from collectors, with the section achieving a 100% sell-through rate, led by Roy Lichtenstein’s *I Love Liberty*, which realized more than five times its estimate to lead the sale,

and Robert Rauschenberg's *Signs*, which achieved over four times its pre-sale expectations. Momentum continued with especially strong interest for the contemporary works in today's auction. The selection of works by Damien Hirst saw solid results, led by *The Souls on Jacob's Ladder Take Their Flight* at \$122,550. Joel Mesler's *Untitled (Pool Party)* drew fierce competition on the phones and online, nearly tripling its low estimate at \$28,380. Overall, the sale reflected a vibrant start to the summer season, with 97% sold by value showed strong participation and spirited bidding underscoring the continued depth of demand across the editions market. We look forward to the fall season beginning in September with Editions auctions in London and October in New York."

Top Ten Lots

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
9	Roy Lichtenstein, <i>I Love Liberty</i> , 1982	\$40,000–60,000	\$212,850
40	Damien Hirst, <i>The Souls on Jacob's Ladder Take Their Flight</i> , 2007	\$80,000–120,000	\$122,550
13	Robert Rauschenberg, <i>Signs</i> , 1970	\$25,000–35,000	\$109,650
92	Alex Katz, <i>Flowers</i> , 2021	\$50,000–70,000	\$64,500
30	After Jean-Michel Basquiat, <i>Piano Lesson, from Superhero Portfolio</i> , 1982-87/2022	\$40,000–60,000	\$41,280
39	Damien Hirst, <i>Methamphetamine</i> , 2004	\$20,000–30,000	\$41,280
20	Andy Warhol, <i>Van Heusen (Ronald Reagan), from Ads</i> , 1985	\$25,000–35,000	\$33,540
96	Gerhard Richter, <i>Abstraktes Bild</i> , 1990/2014	\$20,000–30,000	\$33,540
25	Joel Mesler, <i>Pool Party</i> , 2025	\$10,000–15,000	\$28,380
27	Mel Bochner, <i>It Doesn't Get Any Better Than This</i> , 2014	\$20,000–30,000	\$28,380

New Auction Record Highlights

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
9	Roy Lichtenstein, <i>I Love Liberty</i> , 1982 WORLD RECORD FOR THE EDITION <i>*previous record price: \$165,000 set in 2005</i>	\$40,000–60,000	\$212,850
40	Damien Hirst, <i>The Souls on Jacob's Ladder Take Their Flight</i> , 2007 WORLD RECORD FOR THE EDITION <i>*previous record price: \$95,000 set in 2009</i>	\$80,000–120,000	\$122,550
13	Robert Rauschenberg, <i>Signs</i> , 1970 WORLD RECORD FOR THE EDITION <i>*previous record price: \$85,000 set in 2023</i>	\$25,000–35,000	\$109,650
2	Ed Ruscha, <i>Made in U.S.A. or America, Her Best Product, from Kent Bicentennial Portfolio: Spirit of Independence</i> , 1974-75 WORLD RECORD FOR THE EDITION <i>*previous record price: \$19,000 set in 2009</i>	\$12,000–18,000	\$24,510
91	Chuck Close, <i>Self-Portrait</i> , 2015 WORLD RECORD FOR THE EDITION	\$10,000–15,000	\$23,220

**previous record price: \$18,000 set in 2025*

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