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PHILLIPS' LONDON PHOTOGRAPHS AUCTIONS REALISE £2.3 MILLION

London, 21 November 2024

Photographs Live Auction Sale Total: £2,066,036 / \$2,611,676 / €2,481,516

Helmut Newton Online Auction Sale Total: £232,347 / \$293,710 / € 279,072

COMBINED TOTAL FOR THE WEEK: £2,298,393 / \$2,905,386 / €2,760,588

Photographs Live

Lots Sold: 95 | Lots Offered: 111

Sold by Lot: 86% | Sold by Value: 93%

Helmut Newton

Lots Sold: 34 | Lots Offered: 34

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



Yuka Yamaji, Head of Photographs, Europe, and Rachel Peart, Head of Department, London, said, “The demand for exceptional classic and contemporary photographs was reaffirmed yesterday with competitive bidding from over 35 countries worldwide, most notably from Europe. Leading the top ten and the 20th edition of ULTIMATE was a previously unseen lifetime print of Diane Arbus’s *Identical twins, Roselle, N.J., 1967*, from the private collection of celebrated Japanese photographer Ikkō Narahara. The two featured private collections, one from Japan and the other from Europe, performed remarkably with strong prices for works by Richard Avedon, Peter Beard and Irving Penn featuring in the sale’s top ten. ULTIMATE ELLEN VON UNWERTH was once again 100% sold with the 16 Polaroids on offer realising a total of £79,502, more than double the total low estimate. Today’s Helmut Newton online auction was 100% sold and we are thrilled with the result of nearly £2.3 million for the two sales. We look forward to building on this momentum with our Photographs from the Martin Z. Margulies Foundation online auction opening on 10 December, followed by our Editions, Photographs and Design auction in Hong Kong on 12 December.”

Top Ten Lots

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
37	Diane Arbus, <i>Identical twins, Roselle, N.J., 1967</i> , 1967-1969	£400,000 - 600,000	£330,200 \$417,406/€396,603

36	Richard Avedon, <i>Avedon/Paris</i> , 1978	£120,000 - 180,000	£177,800 \$224,757/€213,556
31	Peter Beard, <i>Female Gerenuk on the Tiva, Tsavo North, near Kathamula (before the die-off), February, 1965</i>	£70,000 - 90,000	£107,950 \$136,460/€129,659
7	Irving Penn, <i>Bee (A), New York, September, 1995</i>	£40,000 - 60,000	£101,600 \$128,433/€122,032
35	Richard Avedon, <i>Stephanie Seymour, model, New York City, May 9, 1992</i>	£30,000 - 50,000	£69,850 \$88,297/€83,897
22	Gregory Crewdson, <i>Untitled</i> , 2004	£30,000 - 50,000	£63,500 \$80,270/€76,270
8	Richard Avedon, <i>Marilyn Monroe, actress, New York City, 5-6-57, 1957</i>	£50,000 - 70,000	£58,420 \$73,849/€70,168
13	Helmut Newton, <i>Sie Kommen, Naked, Paris</i> , 1981	£30,000 - 50,000	£53,340 \$67,427/€64,067
73	Peter Beard, <i>Orphaned cheetah cubs at Mweiga near Nyeri for The End of the Game / Last word from Paradise</i> , 1968	£30,000 - 50,000	£52,070 \$65,822/€62,541
3	Helmut Newton, <i>Eiffel Tower, Paris</i> , 1974	£8,000 - 12,000	£41,910 \$52,978/€50,338

New Auction Records

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
44	Mous Lamrabort, <i>Ceci n'est pas une Magritte</i> , 2019 <i>*previous record price: 12,700 GBP set in 2023</i>	£10,000 - 15,000	£15,240 \$19,265/€18,305
48	Horst Hamann, <i>Wall Street / New York Stock Exchange</i> , 1994 <i>*previous record price: 2,600 EUR set in 2006</i>	£8,000 - 12,000	£8,890 \$11,238/€10,678

*Lots 9 and 70 were sold after the lots closed, whilst the sale was ongoing, and are therefore included in the total sale result.

Exchange Rate on 21 November 2024: GBP£1 = USD\$1.2641, EUR€1.2011

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