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## Phillips' December Design Auction Sets New Records for Peter Voulkos and Vladimir Kagan

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Sale Total: \$5,100,900 / £3,810,003 / €4,221,734

Lots Sold: 133 | Lots Offered: 154

Sold by Lot: 86% | Sold by Value: 95%



Cordelia Lembo, Head of Design, New York, stated, "We are thrilled to close out 2020 with a bang, as our Design sale exceeded presale estimates across the board. Leading the sale was Peter Voulkos' monumental *Black Bulerias*, which achieved a remarkable \$1,264,200. This marks the third time Phillips has broken the record for 20<sup>th</sup> century American ceramics at auction, with the previous record set by Voulkos' *Rondena* in 2017. Vladimir Kagan's rare "Contour" rocking chair, with embroidery by Erica Wilson, saw tremendous enthusiasm and exceeded its estimate tenfold, setting a new world record for the designer. It was our pleasure to have the opportunity to work with Jason Jacques this season and his collection of remarkable turn-of-the-century ceramics was highlighted by George Ohr's *Blistered Vase*, which achieved \$30,000. With such strong results in both London and New York this fall, it is clear that the demand for 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century design remains solid and we look forward to our next sales in 2021."

### Top Ten Lots

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
124	Peter Voulkos, <i>Black Bulerias</i> , 1958	\$600,000 - 800,000	\$1,264,200 £944,737/€1,046,758

145	Alberto Giacometti, "Figure" floor lamp, designed circa 1933, later cast	\$150,000 - 200,000	\$277,200 £208,392/€228,727
78	Ingrid Donat, "Commode Galuchat", 2013	\$120,000 - 180,000	\$214,200 £160,072/€177,358
70	Marc Newson, "Orgone Chop Top" coffee table, designed 1990, produced 2004	\$80,000 - 120,000	\$189,000 £141,240/€156,492
54	Vladimir Kagan, "Contour" rocking chair, model no. 175F, 1955	\$10,000 - 15,000	\$132,300 £98,868/€109,544
75	Fernando Campana and Humberto Campana, "Pair of Bolotas" armchairs and ottoman, 2015	\$30,000 - 40,000	\$107,100 £80,036/€88,679
21	Gio Ponti, "Coffee table", 1948	\$70,000 - 90,000	\$88,200 £65,912/€73,030
10	Gio Ponti, "Pair of Distex" armchairs, 1953	\$50,000 - 70,000	\$88,200 £65,912/€73,030
74	Joris Laarman, "Cumulus" table, 2010	\$60,000 - 80,000	\$75,600 £56,496/€62,597
77	François-Xavier Lalanne, "Rhinocéros bleu", 1981	\$35,000 - 45,000	\$73,080 £54,613/€60,510

### New Auction Records

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54	Vladimir Kagan, "Contour" rocking chair, model no. 175F, 1955	\$10,000 - 15,000	\$132,300 £98,868/€109,544
64	Flemming Agger, "Rare modular Crown" sofa, 1967	\$8,000 - 12,000	\$40,320 £30,131/€33,385
121	Lucie Rie and Hans Coper, "Set of eight cups and saucers", 1952	\$8,000 - 12,000	\$21,420 £16,007/€17,736
124	Peter Voulkos, "Black Bulerias", 1958	\$600,000 - 800,000	\$1,264,200 £944,737/€1,046,758

\*Lot 87 was sold immediately following the auction and included in the sale results.

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