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Phillips' New Now: Modern & Contemporary Art Sale Realises Over £3 Million

New Auction Records Were Set for Leonard Baby, Christopher Page, Yves Zurstrassen, and Blek le Rat

London, 19 March 2024

Sale Total: £3,424,174 / \$4,258,988 / €4,000,462

Lots Sold: 137 | Lots Offered: 160

Sold by Lot: 86% | Sold by Value: 92%



Charlotte Gibbs, Head of New Now, London, said, “We are very pleased with our sale total of over £3 million. It was wonderful to see such spirited international bidding, with over 50 countries participating on the phone, online, and in the saleroom. Wade Guyton led the top ten alongside fantastic pieces by Invader, Eddie Martinez, and Francis Alÿs. The enthusiasm for Guyton’s *U Sculpture (V. 5)* propelled it past the £60,000 high estimate to an impressive £203,200. We were proud of the four world auction records achieved, including the result for Leonard Baby. We look forward to our next Modern & Contemporary Art sales, which will take place in New York on 14 & 15 May.”

Top Ten Lots

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
37	Wade Guyton, <i>U Sculpture (V. 5)</i> , 2007	£40,000 - 60,000	£203,200 \$252,740/€237,399
19	Invader, <i>Bruce Lee 3D</i> , 2015	£200,000 – 300,000	£203,200 \$252,740/€237,399

17	Eddie Martinez, <i>Open Ocean Mind</i> , 2020	£150,000 – 300,000	£127,000 \$157,963/€148,374
22	Francis Alÿs, <i>Untitled</i> , 1995	£40,000 - 60,000	£120,650 \$150,064/€140,955
147	Juan Genovés, <i>Mirada al horizonte</i> , 2008	£50,000 - 70,000	£120,650 \$150,064/€140,955
33	Richard Hambleton, <i>Horse and Rider</i> , 2012	£80,000 - 120,000	£101,600 \$126,370/€118,699
35	Maurizio Cattelan, <i>Less than ten items</i> , 1997	£40,000 - 60,000	£101,600 \$126,370/€118,699
149	Blek le Rat, <i>Tango</i> , 2021 WORLD AUCTION RECORD	£15,000 - 20,000	£95,250 \$118,472/€111,281
111	Gilbert & George, <i>WRONG</i> , 1988	£60,000 - 80,000	£82,550 \$102,676/€96,443
67	Alighiero Boetti, <i>Bisogna essere leggeri come gli uccelli e non come le piume</i> , 1988	£50,000 - 70,000	£68,580 \$85,300/€80,122

New Auction Records

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
2	Leonard Baby, <i>Medicine Cabinet</i> , 2022 <i>*previous record price: 15,240 USD set in 2024</i>	£12,000 - 18,000	£24,130 \$30,013/€28,191
82	Christopher Page, <i>Globe</i> , 2019 <i>*previous record price: 26,450 GBP set in 2023</i>	£15,000 - 20,000	£40,640 \$50,548/€47,480
121	Yves Zurstrassen, <i>180327 Still Life</i> , 2018 <i>*previous record price: 47,880 EUR set in 2023</i>	£15,000 - 20,000	£53,340 \$66,344/€62,317
149	Blek le Rat, <i>Tango</i> , 2021 <i>*previous record price: 70,200 EUR set in 2016</i>	£15,000 - 20,000	£95,250 \$118,472/€111,281

Exchange Rate on 19 April 2024: GBP£1 = \$1.2438, €1.1683, HK\$XX

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