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Phillips' Photographs Sale Realizes \$3.5 Million, Setting New Auction Records for Dawoud Bey and Henry Gilpin

New York, 14 October 2020

Sale Total: \$3,533,875 / £2,711,542 / €3,006,620

Lots Sold: 186 | Lots Offered: 267

Sold by Lot: 70% | Sold by Value: 68%



Christopher Mahoney, Senior International Specialist, Photographs, said, “Bidders from across the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Africa all participated in today’s livestreamed auction, a testament to collectors’ enthusiasm for photography and to Phillips’ global reach. Works by twentieth century masters commanded strong prices, with László Moholy-Nagy’s *Fotogramm* leading the sale at an impressive \$375,000, nearly five times its low estimate. *Fotogramm* is among Moholy-Nagy’s most dynamic photographic works, and its success in today’s auction shows the extent to which his highly experimental vision remains relevant and exciting. We saw strong interest in *Transcendence*, a selection of landscapes from gallerist and collector Peter Fetterman that included work by Ansel Adams, Sebastião Salgado, and Brett Weston, among others. We were also gratified to set new auction records for Dawoud Bey and Henry Gilpin.”

Top Ten Lots

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
217	László Moholy-Nagy, <i>Fotogramm</i> , 1925-1928	\$80,000 - 120,000	\$375,000 £287,738/€319,050
73	Irving Penn, <i>Miles Davis, Hand and Trumpet, New York, July 1, 1986</i>	\$80,000 - 100,000	\$150,000 £115,095/€127,620
47	Robert Mapplethorpe, <i>Holly Solomon (Three Portraits)</i> , 1976	\$100,000 - 200,000	\$125,000 £95,913/€106,350
235	Robert Frank, <i>Street Line, 34th Street, New York City</i> , 1948	\$70,000 - 90,000	\$112,500 £86,321/€95,715
110	Candida Höfer, <i>Pierpont Morgan Library New York IV</i> , 2001	\$50,000 - 70,000	\$87,500 £67,139/€74,445
238	Robert Frank, <i>U.S. 285 New Mexico</i> , 1955	\$40,000 - 60,000	\$68,750 £52,752 /€58,493
52	Herb Ritts, <i>Versace, Veiled Dress, El Mirage</i> , 1986	\$40,000 - 60,000	\$60,000 £46,038/€51,048
154	Ansel Adams, <i>Moonrise, Hernandez, New Mexico</i> , 1941	\$30,000 - 50,000	\$57,500 £44,120/€48,921
180	Ansel Adams, <i>Winter Sunrise, Sierra Nevada from Lone Pine, California</i> , 1944	\$25,000 - 35,000	\$56,250 £43,161/€47,858
161	Ansel Adams, <i>Clearing Winter Storm, Yosemite National Park, California</i> , 1944	\$40,000 - 60,000	\$50,000 £38,368/€42,540

New Auction Records

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
136	Dawoud Bey, <i>Eugene</i> , 1998 <i>*previous record price: \$20,000 set in 2018</i>	\$15,000 - 20,000	\$35,000 £26,856/€29,778
184	Henry Gilpin, <i>Highway 1, Big Sur, California</i> , 1963 <i>*previous record price: \$6,875 set in 2019</i>	\$4,000 - 6,000	\$10,000 £7,673/€8,508

*Lots 7, 9, 11, 19, 30, and 50 were sold immediately following the auction and included in the sale results.

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