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PHILLIPS CONTEMPORARY ART EVENING SALE REALISES £18.2 MILLION / \$28.6 MILLION / €25.6 MILLION



LONDON – 29 June 2015 – Phillips Contemporary Art Evening Auction realised £18,192,400 / \$28,562,068 / €25,651,284 selling 84% by lot and 89% by value.

“This evening’s auction offered a diverse range of Contemporary Art and attracted a broad pool of bidders with nine artists represented in the top ten lots. We are pleased to have realised strong results and to have doubled the total of the equivalent auction last year. The market continues to react best to works of art which are offered with sensible and appealing estimates, and we’re thrilled in particular to have seen such a strong result for Ai Weiwei’s ‘Zodiac Heads’ which set a new record for the artist, surpassing the previous result at Phillip’s in February, and also for Ed Ruscha’s ‘Ship Talk’ which attracted seven bidders before selling for over twice its low estimate.” **Peter Sumner, Director, Head of Contemporary Art, London.**

Top Ten Lots

23 **Ai Weiwei** *Circle of Animals / Zodiac Heads*, 2010 **£3,442,500 / \$5,404,725 / €4,853,925** **WORLD RECORD FOR THE ARTIST AT AUCTION**

30 **Bruce Nauman** *Hanging Heads # 1 (Blue Andrew, Mouth Open ...)*, 1989 **£1,762,500 / \$2,767,125 / €2,485,125**

27 **Andy Warhol** *Marilyn Monroe (portfolio of 10)*, 1967 **£1,202,500 / \$1,887,925 / €1,695,525**

39 **Sigmar Polke** *Carnival*, 1979 **£1,142,500 / \$1,793,725 / €1,610,925**

35 **Ed Ruscha** *Ship Talk*, 1988 **£884,500 / \$1,388,665 / €1,247,145**

29 **Andy Warhol** *Flowers*, 1964 **£722,500 / \$1,134,325 / €1,018,725**

11 **Raqib Shaw** *Arrival of the Horse King from the series Paradise Lost*, 2011-2012 **£722,500 / \$1,134,325 / €1,018,725**

10 **Sherrie Levine** *Caribou Skull*, 2006 **£494,500 / \$776,365 / €697,245**

22 **Damien Hirst** *Veneration*, 2007 **£482,500 / \$757,525 / €680,325**

21 **Takashi Murakami** *Pom and Me*, 2010 **£482,500 / \$757,525 / €680,325**

are held at salerooms in New York, London and Geneva, while clients are further served through representative offices based throughout Europe, the United States and Asia. Phillips also offers an online auction platform accessible anywhere in the world.

**Estimates do not include buyer's premium; prices achieved include the hammer price plus buyer's premium.*

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