

LANDMARK RESULTS FOR DESIGN AND NORDIC DESIGN AUCTIONS

HIGHEST DESIGN RESULT AT PHILLIPS de PURY & COMPANY TOTALING £5,012,775/\$8,070,568 SELLING 86% BY VALUE AND 76% BY LOT

WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR CERAMIC DESIGNER AXEL SALTO ACHIEVING £373,250/\$600,933

WORLD AUCTION RECORDS FOR SHIRO KURAMATA, VIGGO BOESEN, PIERLUIGI GIORDANI AND FOR CONTEMPORARY GLASS ARTISTS YOICHI OWIRA AND RITSUE MISHIMA



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London – 27 SEPTEMBER 2012 – Tonight Phillips de Pury & Company's Design & Nordic Design auctions totaled £5,012,775/\$8,070,568, with Design selling 90% by value and 88% by lot with Nordic Design selling 82% by value 65% by lot.

The top lot of the evening was a ceramic work by Danish designer, **Axel Salto**, *Important and unique vase in the 'budding' style*, 1944 which sold for £373,250 /\$600,933 to a phone bidder.

Other highlights from the night include **Shiro Kuramata's**, *'Miss Blanche' chair* selling for £241,250 /\$388,413 and **Alberto Giacometti's**, *Pair of 'Knuckle' standard lamps* which sold for £301,250 /\$485,013.

Phillips de Pury continues its world record success of selling collections of Contemporary Ceramics with an important collection of **Axel Salto** Ceramics.

The active bidding in the room and on the phone banks from international buyers reflected the strength in 20th and 21st century Design and the growth of the Design Market.

"Following a tremendous spring season, this evening's auctions achieved the highest Design result at Phillips de Pury, further demonstrating the department's strength in Europe. Outstanding prices were achieved for French Decorative Arts, Italian Design and Contemporary Design. The pinnacle of our Nordic Design section was an exceptional private collection of **Axel Salto** ceramics, achieving a world record with the sale of *Important and unique vase in the 'budding' style* selling for £373,250 /\$600,933." **Alexander Payne, Worldwide Director of Design, Phillips de Pury & Company**

TOP TEN DESIGN LOTS

- 26 **ALBERTO GIACOMETTI**, *Pair of 'Knuckle' standard lamps*, £301,250 /\$485,013
- 52 **SHIRO KURAMATA**, *'Miss Blanche' chair*, £ 241,250 /\$388,413
- 9 **JEAN ROYÈRE**, *Pair of rare 'Ambassador' chairs*, £133,250 /\$214,533
- 22 **JEAN ROYÈRE**, *Rare 'Ambassador' sofa*, £111,650 /\$179,757
- 40 **MARC NEWSON**, *'Chop top table'*, £ 91,250 /\$146,913
- 21 **JEAN ROYÈRE**, *'Ruban' coffee table*, £ 87,650 /\$141,117
- 23 **ARMAND ALBERT RATEAU**, *Table lamp, model no. 1392*, £73,250 /\$117,933
- 59 **CARLO SCARPA**, *Set of four, three-armed wall lights*, £67,250 /\$108,273
- 119 **JEAN PROUVÉ**, *'Direction' armchair, model no. 352*, £51,650 /\$83,157
- 13 **JEAN ROYÈRE**, *Sideboard*, £51,650 /\$83,157

DESIGN ARTIST WORLD RECORDS

- 52 **SHIRO KURAMATA**, *'Miss Blanche' chair*, £241,250 /\$388,413
- 79 **PIERLUIGI GIORDANI**, *Double bed, for a private commission, Bologna*, £39,650 /\$63,837
- 33 **YOICHI OHIRA**, *Unique vase*, £27,500 /\$44,275
- 60 **CARLO ENRICO RAVA**, *Rare console*, £22,500 /\$36,225
- 39 **VISTOSI**, *Two rare side tables*, £12,500 /\$20,125
- 50 **RITSUE MISHIMA**, *'Eco' sculpture*, £9,375 /\$15,094

TOP TEN NORDIC DESIGN LOTS

- 217 **AXEL JOHANN SALTO**, *Important and unique vase in the 'budding' style*, £373,250 /\$600,933
- 200 **VIGGO BOESEN**, *Pair of 'Little Petra' chairs*, £103,250 /\$166,233
- 208 **KAARE KLINT AND EDVARD KINDT-LARSEN**, *Pair of armchairs*, £91,250 /\$146,913
- 226 **AXEL JOHANN SALTO**, *Large vase in the 'sprouting' style*, £87,650 /\$141,117
- 240 **HANS J. WEGNER**, *Set of eight 'Cowhorn' dining chairs, model no. JH 505*, £66,050 /\$106,341
- 229 **AXEL JOHANN SALTO**, *Vase with sprouting fruit and pebble motifs*, £63,650 /\$102,477
- 216 **AXEL JOHANN SALTO**, *Unique vase*, £58,850 /\$94,749
- 245 **FINN JUHL**, *'Chieftain' armchair*, £58,850 /\$94,749
- 142 **ALVAR AALTO**, *Early group of three 'Beehive' ceiling lights, model no. A 331*, £56,450 /\$90,885
- 184 **JOSEF FRANK**, *Rare table lamp, model no. M2997*, £55,250 /\$88,953

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- 200 **VIGGO BOESEN**, *Pair of 'Little Petra' chairs*, £103,250 /\$166,233
- 203 **FLEMMING LASSEN**, *Sofa and a pair of armchairs*, £46,850 /\$75,429
- 135 **TAPIO WIRKKALA**, *Rare set of eight 'Nikke' chairs, model no. 9019*, £43,250 /\$69,633
- 173 **AXEL EINAR HJORTH AND NILS FOUGSTEDT**, *'Caesar' table*, £37,250 /\$59,973
- 236 **RASMUS FENHAHN**, *Unique handmade 'Hikari I' ceiling light, from the 'Aero' series* £5,000 /\$8,050

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