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London – Phillips de Pury & Company's September London Design auction totaled £2,052,525 / $3,197,834 (including premium) selling 76% by value and 74% by lot.

As well as holding the world record for a work by a living contemporary designer achieved in 2010 for Marc Newson's Lockheed Lounge, Phillips de Pury has now set the world record for a 20th century studio ceramicist with the sale of Hans Coper's Swinton School Wall (1960) for £181,250 for which four clients bid fiercely.

Formed over thirty years, the world-renowned Berkeley Collection, one of the most significant groups of British studio pottery, achieved £658,875 / $1,030,000. The majority of the 33 lots doubled their top estimates with aggressive international bidding on the phones and in the room.

In addition to a stellar ceramics section, Phillips de Pury & Company continues to set the standard for postwar French and Italian design as well as contemporary design at auction with strong results for Charlotte Perriand, Jean Royère, Paolo Buffa, Gio Ponti, Zaha Hadid, and Marc Newson.

Alexander Payne, Worldwide Director Design, Phillips de Pury & Company:

“Today we saw great confidence and focus in the design market with international bidding throughout the sale. We continue to draw new collectors into the fields of ceramics, postwar and contemporary design.”

Ben Williams, Contemporary Ceramics Specialist, Phillips de Pury & Company.

“We are delighted important collectors continue to recognize works by Lucie Rie and Hans Coper, giants of 20th century ceramic art. On first viewing the Swinton School Wall, it was immediately evident this was an extraordinary opportunity. Phillips de Pury & Company is honoured to have played a part in rediscovering this lost masterpiece and to have introduced it to a global audience.”

TOP TEN LOTS

Hans Coper, Swinton School Wall Mural £181,250/$282,388

Marc Newson, ‘Black Hole Chop Top’ table £99,650/$155,255
Jean Royère, Unique ‘Orly’ armchair £75,650/$117,863

Charlotte Perriand and Jean Prouvé, Bibliothèque, from La Maison du Mexique, Cité Universitaire, Paris £73,250/$114,124

Le Corbusier and B. Doshi, Large and rare table, from the Institute of Indology, Ahmedabad, India £69,650/$108,515

Hans Coper, White ‘Cycladic’ Arrow form with disc-top £63,650/$99,167

Venini, Rare large chandelier £58,850/$91,688

Hans Coper, White ‘Cycladic’ arrow form £49,250/$76,732

Zaha Hadid, White ‘Aqua’ table £49,250/$76,732

Hans Coper, White cup on foot with central disc £43,250/$67,384

ARTIST WORLD RECORDS

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Lucie Rie and Hans Coper, Set of six dishes with white spiral £8,750/$13,633

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Le Corbusier and B. Doshi, Large and rare table, from the Institute of Indology, Ahmedabad, India £69,650/$108,515

Edmund de Waal, Set of three teapots £11,250/$17,528

Paolo Buffa, Rare Cabinet £27,500/$42,845

Osvaldo Borsani and Arnaldo Pomodoro, Rare bed, model no. 8604 £32,450/$50,557

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