

## SALES 1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER 2008

**€58,100,000\***

\* including estimated sales of €4.3m in Monaco (July)

**ARTCURIAL Briest-Poulain-F.Tajan, the leading French auction house, posted sales of €58.1 million\* in the first half of 2008, up 2% on the same period in 2007.**

*ARTCURIAL Briest-Poulain-F.Tajan  
is one of the top three auction firms operating in France,  
making a major contribution to Paris's reputation  
as an international auction venue.  
With 22 world record prices already this year,  
we have consolidated our position as one of  
Europe's foremost auction firms.*

- Artcurial Co-Chairmen **Francis Briest & François Tajan**

ARTCURIAL Briest-Poulain-F.Tajan are among France's leading auctioneers in the fields of: Modern & Contemporary Art, Art Deco, Old Master Drawings, Jewellery, and Vintage Automobiles. We are European leaders in Design, and World leaders for sales of Comic Strips.

### **Key Performances in first half of 2008:**

- **22 world record prices**, underlining both the quality of works offered for sale, and the international level of bidding in our various specialities. ARTCURIAL set **record prices for a host of foreign artists, from as far afield as** India, China, Brazil, United States, Argentina, Greece & Australia (*see below for details*)
- **€3.4m (\$5.4m): record total for a sale of Comic Strips**, 29 March 2008
- **€2.7m (\$4.3m): record total for a sale of Design in France**, 15 April 2008
- **€1.3m: successful inaugural sale of Old Master & 19th Century Drawings**, 9 April 2008

\* all figures include buyer's premium

## Outlook for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester 2008

**Our busy auction calendar for the second half of 2008 boasts some forty catalogued sales.**

The autumn season opens with an unusual sale of **Rare Trees** on 4 October (est. €1.3-1.6m).

Our Modern Art sale on October 23 pays tribute to **Hans Richter** (est. €500,000-600,000) and includes 50 works by **Jean Fautrier** (est. €550,000-750,000), consigned from the artist's family.

**The Collection of a Paris Connoisseur** (est. €1-1.5m), comprising 400 modern and contemporary works on paper, will be offered on October 23, 27 & 28.

On 15 December, the first-ever sale of **Russian Contemporary Art** will take place at ARTCURIAL Briest-Poulain-F.Tajan.

Our Art Deco sale on November 25 includes an important ensemble by the great decorator **Jacques Quinet**, consigned by a private collector, along with three major pieces by **Eugène Printz**.

**Our new Department of Orientalist Pictures & Late 19th Century Foreign Schools will hold its first sales** on December 8/9 (specialist: Olivier Berman).

## ARTCURIAL pursues its cultural activities

**ARTCURIAL's dynamic cultural programme continues to thrive - witness the installation of Pascal Cribier's Transformable Garden** in the courtyard of the Hôtel Dassault; and the summer exhibition **Homage to Hans Richter, an Avant-Garde Rediscovery**, Berlin, Zurich, New York, that runs July 10-September 30.

The second semester of 2008 will also see the **Artcurial Contemporary Art Book Prize**, awarded during FIAC; the *Tokyo Stories* exhibition during Paris Photo; and an exhibition of drawings by **Juliette Binoche**, opening on November 18 at the Espace Ventes Privées.

## ARTCURIAL Briest-Poulain-F.Tajan in Figures – 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2008

	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2007	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester 2008
<b>Collections sold</b>	30	<b>31</b>
<b>World Records</b>	12	<b>22</b>
<b>Prices +€500,000</b>	5	<b>4</b>
<b>Prices +€100,000</b>	52	<b>61</b>

<b>Total lots sold</b>	19,752	<b>17,900</b>
% sold by value	103%	<b>122%</b>
% sold by lot	70%	<b>68%</b>
<b>Average lot price</b> (exc. wine & Drouot)	€7100	<b>€8200</b>

## 22 WORLD RECORDS

### CONTEMPORARY ART: 14 records

#### WORLD RECORD FOR THE INDIAN ARTIST SUBODH GUPTA

**Subodh Gupta:** *Vehicle for the Seven Seas* (2004), gilt-patinated bronze trolley with aluminium suitcase-sculptures  
**€502,330** (\$785,200) to French collector (est. €140,000-180,000), 3 April 2008  
**WORLD RECORD** for a work by the artist

#### WORLD RECORD FOR THE CHINESE ARTIST YU YOUHAN

**Yu Youhan:** *Mao, Pattern Print* (1992), acrylic on canvas  
**€123,900** (\$193,700) to European collector (est. €140,000-180,000), 3 April 2008  
**WORLD RECORD** for a work by the artist

#### WORLD RECORD FOR THE GREEK ARTIST PAVLOS

**Paul Pavlos:** *Forest* (1971), sculpture in massicot paper/plexiglas  
**€101,600** (\$158,800), 3 April 2008 (est. €50,000-70,000)  
**WORLD RECORD** for a work by the artist

#### WORLD RECORD FOR THE BRAZILIAN ARTIST FRANS KRAJCBERG

**Frans Krajcberg:** *Untitled (Flowers)*, relief sculpture in painted wood  
**€86,700** (\$135,500) to Brazilian collector (est. €10,000-15,000), 4 April 2008  
**WORLD RECORD** for a work by the artist

#### WORLD RECORDS FOR ARGENTINIAN ARTISTS MARTHA BOTO & GREGORIO VARDANEGA

**Martha Boto:** *Déplacement Helicoïdal Lumineux* (1967)  
**€71,900** (\$112,400) to French collector (est. €25,000-35,000), 3 April 2008  
**WORLD RECORD** for a work by the artist

**Gregorio Vardanega:** *Espaces Chromatiques, 9 Cercles I* (1968), plywood, plexiglas, electrical system, light-bulbs & motor  
**€39,700** (\$62,000) to French collector (est. €8000-12,000), 3 April 2008  
**WORLD RECORD** for a work by the artist

#### WORLD RECORDS FOR AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINE ARTISTS EUNICE NAPANGARDI & GABRIELLA POSSUM NUNGURRAYI

**Eunice Napangardi:** *Bush Banana Dreaming* (2000), acrylic on linen

**€45,300** (\$72,000), Peter Los Collection - 7 July 2008 (est. €36,000-38,000)  
**WORLD RECORD** for a work by the artist

**Gabriella Possum Nungurrayi:** *Bush Tucker Dreaming: My Father's Country* (2007/8), acrylic on linen

**€25,900** (\$41,200), Peter Los Collection - 7 July 2008 (est. €15,000-20,000)  
**WORLD RECORD** for a work by the artist

#### WORLD RECORD FOR THE AMERICAN ARTIST STEVEN PARRINO

**Steven Parrino,** *Debbies Does Dallas* (1987), acrylic on canvas

**€136,300** (\$213,000) to American trade (est. €80,000-100,000)

**WORLD RECORD** for a canvas by the artist in this format (92 x 92cm)

#### WORLD RECORDS FOR THE AMERICAN TAGGERS FUTURA 2000 & CRASH

**Lenny McGurr, called Futura 2000:** *Mutual of Omaha* (1983), spray-gun on canvas

**€29,700** (\$47,200) to U.K. trade (est. €20,000-25,000), 18 February 2008

**WORLD RECORD** for a work by the artist

**John Crash Matos, called Crash:** *Call Card* (1988), acrylic & spray-gun on canvas

**€43,400** (\$69,000) to French collector (est. €15,000-20,000), 18 February 2008

**WORLD RECORD** for a work by the artist

#### WORLD RECORDS FOR THREE NOUVEAUX REALISTES - CESAR, VILLEGLE & SPOERRI

**César:** *Tubes* (1959), welded iron; unique piece for his *Plaques* series

**€310,000** (\$192,000) to Swiss collector (est. €300,000-400,000), Jean Albou Collection - 29 January 2008

**WORLD RECORD** for a work in iron by the artist

**Jacques Villeglé:** *Quai des Celestins (20 March 1965)*, torn posters stuck to canvas

**€148,700** (\$234,000) to French trade (est. €150,000-200,000), Jean Albou Collection - 29 January 2008

**WORLD RECORD** for a work by the artist

**Daniel Spoerri:** *Eaten by Marcel Duchamp* (1964), tableau-piège (collage on board)

**€136,300** (\$215,000) to French collector (est. €110,000-150,000), Albou Coll. - 29 Jan.

**WORLD RECORD** for a work by the artist

#### MODERN ART: 3 records

**Victor Brauner:** *Eventail du Poète* (1946), wax on cardboard

**€559,500** (\$884,000) to French collector (est. €400,000-500,000), 9 April 2008

**WORLD RECORD** for a work on paper by the artist

**Gen Paul:** *Le Joueur de Guitare* (c.1925), oil on canvas

**€172,200** (\$272,400) to French collector (est. €40,000-60,000), 10 April 2008

**WORLD RECORD** for a work by the artist

**Auguste Herbin:** *Composition* (1918), oil on canvas

**€322,200** (\$509,000) to U.K. trade (est. €100,000-120,000), 9 April 2008

**WORLD RECORD** for a Cubist picture by the artist

## DESIGN: 3 records

### 3 RECORDS FOR PIERRE PAULIN

**Pierre Paulin:** Prototype for *Elysée* Bookcase (1969-72), folded sheet-metal  
**€111,528** (\$172,000), 12 March 2008 (est. €30,000-40,000)  
**WORLD RECORD** for a work by the artist

**Pierre Paulin:** *Cathedral* Table (1981) with glass top and aluminium supports; one of three copies edited by Artcurial  
**€84,266** (\$131,000) to New York collector (est. €70,000-90,000), 12 March 2008  
**WORLD RECORD** for a Paulin *Cathedral* table

**Pierre Paulin:** *Tulip-F050* chair (1961), project for Artifort  
**€7400** (\$11,400), 12 March 2008 (est. €800-1200)  
**WORLD RECORD** for a *Tulip-F050* chair

## COMIC STRIPS: 2 records

**Hergé:** *Tintin & Milou* (1932), Indian ink & coloured gouache, original drawing for the cover of the album *Tintin in America*  
**€764,218** (\$1.2m) to a European specialist collector (est. €280,000), 29 March 2008  
**WORLD RECORD** for a cartoon drawing

**Hugo Pratt:** *Corto Maltese*, black felt pen, watercolour & white gouache, cover design for album *Ethiopiennes*  
**€300,830** (\$472,300) to a European collector (est. €30,000), 29 March 2008  
**WORLD RECORD** for a work by the artist

## 2 FRENCH RECORDS

### MODERN ART

**Leonor Fini:** *La Fête Secrète* (1964), oil on canvas  
**€148,700** (\$233,500) to a European collector (est. €50,000-70,000), 9 April 2008  
**French record** for the artist & second-highest price worldwide

### DESIGN

**Jean Prouvé:** *Trapeze* two-legged table for Atomic Energy Commission  
**€309,800** (\$486,000), 15 April 2008 (est. €200,000-300,000)  
**French record price** for Design

## PRICES OVER €500,000

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**WORLD RECORD** for a work on paper by the artist

#### **CONTEMPORARY ART**

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**€502,330** (\$785,200) to French collector (est. €140,000-180,000), 3 April 2008  
**WORLD RECORD** for a work by the artist

#### **VINTAGE AUTOMOBILES**

**Avions voisin C25 Aerodyne** (1935):  
**€522,192**, 9 February 2008

### **LEADING PRICES BY SPECIALITY**

#### **Comic Strips**

29 March 2008  
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Indian ink & coloured gouache  
original drawing for cover of album *Tintin in America*

Estimate: €280,000  
Price: **€764,218**  
Purchased by a specialist collector

#### **Modern Art**

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wax on cardboard

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Purchased by a French collector

WORLD RECORD for a work on paper by the artist

### **Vintage Automobiles**

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Price : **€522,192** to U.K trade

### **Contemporary Art**

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WORLD RECORD for the artist

### **Design**

15 April 2008  
Jean Prouvé: two-legged *Trapeze* table (1954-58)  
made for Atomic Energy Commission

Estimate: €200,000-300,000

Price: **€309,800**

### **Art Deco**

3 June 2008  
Diego Giacometti: Pair of *Lioness Head* armchairs

Estimate: €150,000-200,000

Price: **€167,292**

### **Old Master & 19th Century Drawings & Paintings**

9 April 2008

Hubert Robert: *View of the Terraces of the Villa Mattei with Washerwomen* (1760)  
watercolour, ink & pencil

Estimate: €25,000-30,000

Price: **€130,116**

### **Arms & Historical Souvenirs**

19 March 2008

Ormolu Eagle for Army Standard (1804 model)

Estimate: €70,000-75,000

Price: **€114,006**

### **Tribal Art**

10 June 2008

Exceptional anthropomorphic box (Azande, D.R. Congo)  
former Alexis van Opstal Collection

Estimate: €80,000-120,000

Price: **€111,500**

Purchased by a French collector

### **Old & Modern Books**

26 April 2008  
Antiphonary (part), adorned with 7 historiated initials  
Ferrara or Bologna (c.1470-80)

Estimate: €45,000-55,000  
Price: **€54,500**  
Purchased by the European trade  
(detail)

### **Prints & Illustrated Books**

20 May 2008  
Roy Lichtenstein: *Forms in Space* (1985)  
coloured silk-screen print (signed)  
Estimate: €13,000-15,000  
Price: **€29,741**

### **Documentation**

16 April 2008  
Charlotte Perriand & Sakakura Junzô:  
*Choix Tradition Creation: Au Contact avec l'Art Japonais* (1941)

Estimate: €10,000-12,000  
Price: **€10,899**

### **Hermès Vintage**

2 June 2008  
Hermès Paris made in France  
*Kelly* hand-bag in Epsom leather,  
featuring silk-screen photograph of Grace Kelly dated March 1954  
Estimate: €15,000-20,000  
Price: **€52,000**

### **Watches**

19 May 2008  
Rolex Daytona, ref. 6265 /6262 (c.1970)

Estimate: €30,000-35,000  
Price: **€47,090**

### **Curiosities**

30 May 2008  
Nautilus with chased silver mount  
Germany, style of Renaissance  
Estimate: €20,000-25,000  
Price: **€26,643**

### **Wine & Spirits**

20/21 March 2008  
16 bottles of *Carré d'As 2000*

Estimate: €14,400-15,400  
Price: **€18,870**

### **Photographs**

27 May 2008  
Louis-Remy Robert: *L'Hôtel de Ville* (c.1851)  
waxed paper negative

Estimate: €3000-4000  
Price: **€9294**

## ARTCURIAL Briest-Poulain-F.Tajan – 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester 2008

### UPCOMING SALES

#### SEPTEMBER 2008

- 24 Important Wines & Spirits, with *Gault & Millau* (in aid of Hardy Foundation)
- 27 Comic Strips

#### OCTOBER 2008

- 4 Rare Trees (Domaine des Rochettes, La Previère)
- 11/12 Aeronautical theme sale
- 14 20th Century Interiors  
Design: **Face to Vase**
- 14/15 Wines & Spirits
- 23 **Homage to Hans Richter**  
Important Modern Art
- 23/8 Modern Art - **Collection of a Paris Connoisseur**
- 27 Important Contemporary Art
- 28 20th Century Italian, Chinese & Indian Art; Graffiti Art

#### NOVEMBER 2008

- 6 *Salon Spirit 2008* - Spirits & Champagne
- 7 Historical Souvenirs & Vintage Weapons  
Hermès Vintage
- 13 Old Master & 19th Century Drawings & Prints  
19th Century Pictures & Sculpture
- 15 Photographs
- 16 Automobiles, Luxury, Sport & Collection (Palais des Congrès)
- 22 Comic Strips
- 24 Old & Modern Books
- 25 Art Deco

#### DECEMBER 2008

- 1 Prints & Illustrated Books
- 1/2 Design
- 2 Old & Modern Books
- 8 Orientalist Pictures
- 9 Modern Art  
Late 19th Century Foreign Schools
- 15 Russian Contemporary Art  
Contemporary Art
- 16/17 Wine & Spirits
- 18 Oriental Art  
Furniture & Objets d'Art
- Old Master Paintings
- Curiosities
- 18/19 Important Jewellery & Watches