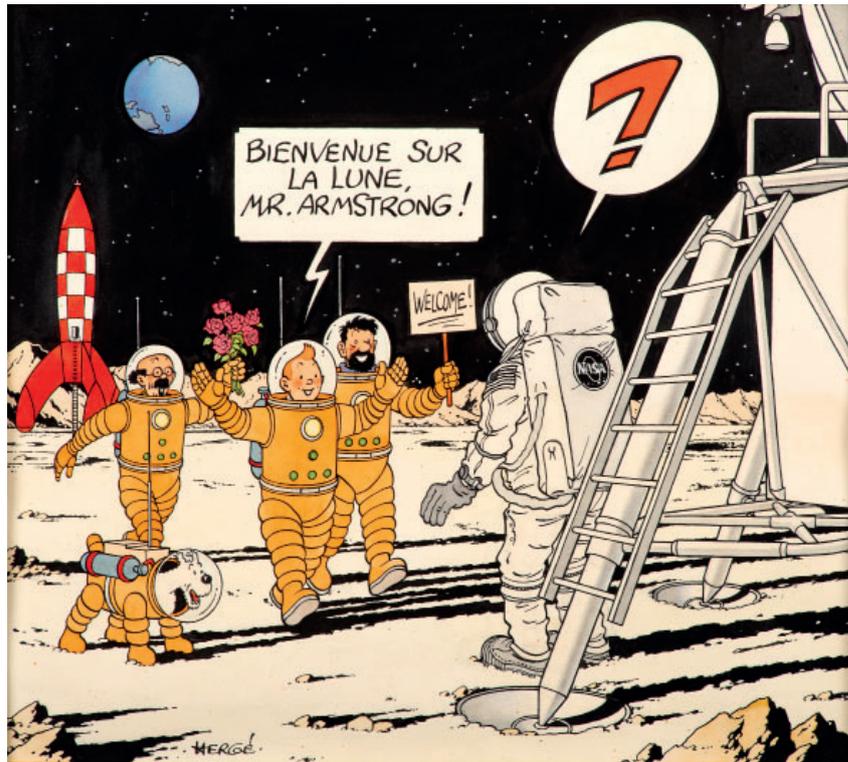


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HERGÉ (Georges Remi)  
Tribute to Neil Armstrong, 1969  
Indian ink and watercolour  
26 x 30 cm  
Estimate: 500 000 - 600 000 €

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## *The World of Tintin's creator*

Sale, 20 November 2021, Paris

On 20 November, the Comic Strip department will offer a selection of work related to the world of Tintin's creator in Artcurial's traditional auction dedicated to Hergé.

The sale will present nearly 130 lots including some exceptional original works by Hergé: plate 7 from the album *Tintin au Pays de l'or noir*, an Indian ink drawing on paper estimated at 900 000 to 1 200 000 € and a magnificent colour drawing from 1969 that pays tribute to the Apollo XI moon landing.

PARIS – On 20 November 2021, Artcurial will present its traditional Hergé auction dedicated to the World of Tintin's creator.

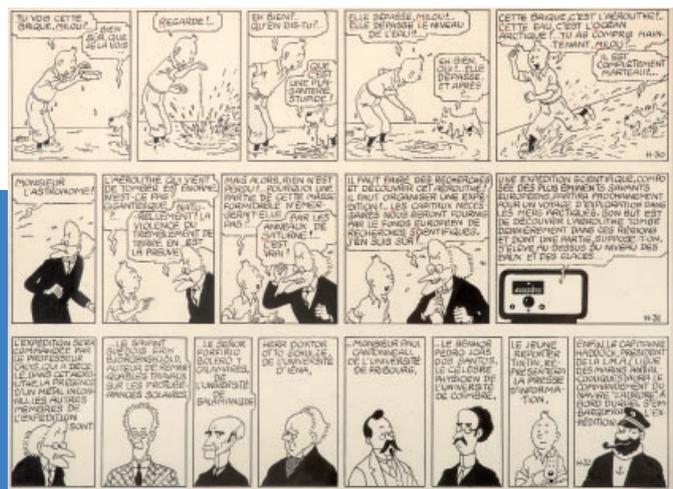
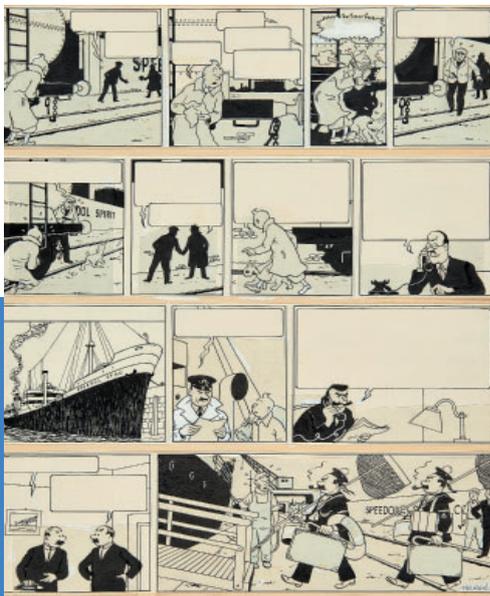
Amongst the many original drawings on offer will be this exceptional plate from *Tintin au pays de l'or noir* of 1939, estimated at 900 000 - 1 200 000 €. The only plate from this album still in private hands, it has the distinction of having passed through the collection of Jacques Topor during the 1970s. Topor is considered to be the first real collector of original comic strip plates. Another highlight is a superb direct colour drawing from 1969 representing Tintin and his team welcoming Neil Armstrong on the moon, with an estimate of 500 000 - 600 000 € ; a testimony to the fertile imagination of Hergé who first put his hero on the moon in 1954.

A “security” plate in ink from the album *L'Étoile mystérieuse* (150 000-200 000 €) will also come under the hammer as well as a plate in Indian ink from the first *Aventures de Quick et Flupke* album of 1930 (35 000 – 45 000 €) and a touching watercolour by Hergé made for a friend who had become a grandfather (35 000 - 45 000 €).

Enthusiasts will also discover albums dedicated to the adventures of the young reporter, and numerous pieces inspired by these same albums created by Aroutcheff, Marie Leblon and Pixi. There are also greetings cards, lithographs and other objects testifying to the commercial and cultural success of the young reporter and his faithful companion.

**« This exceptional sale will present original plates and drawings that are new to the market, providing an opportunity to acquire masterpieces by Tintin's creator. An event not to be missed! »**

- Eric Leroy,  
Comic Strips expert, Artcurial



**HERGÉ (Georges Remi)**  
*Tintin au pays de l'or noir* - 1939  
Indian ink, blue watercolour, white gouache and cut-out on paper for plate 7  
48,50 x 36 cm  
Estimate : 900 000 - 1 200 000 €

**HERGÉ (Georges Remi)**  
*L'Étoile mystérieuse* - 1942  
Indian ink on paper for a «security» plate grouping together comic strips 30, 31 and 32 in this adventure of Tintin's.  
45,70 x 33,20 cm  
Estimate : 150 000 - 200 000 €

## USEFUL INFORMATION

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