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Press release



COMIC STRIPS

Sale, 20 November 2021, Paris

On 20 November 2021, the Comic Strip department at Artcurial will showcase the biggest classic and contemporary names in the 9th art, including André Franquin, Albert Uderzo, Philippe Geluck, Jean-Claude Mézières and Hugo Pratt.

Astérix et Cléopâtre, a superb drawing for the poster of Albert Uderzo's animated film will be presented at the sale, estimated between 80 000 and 120 000 €.

PARIS – On 20 November, the Comic Strip department at Artcurial will hold an auction of over 200 lots dedicated to the 9th art. Classic Franco-Belgian comic strips will be in the spotlight with rare works by André Franquin, Albert Uderzo, Jean Giraud, Jijé and Hermann.

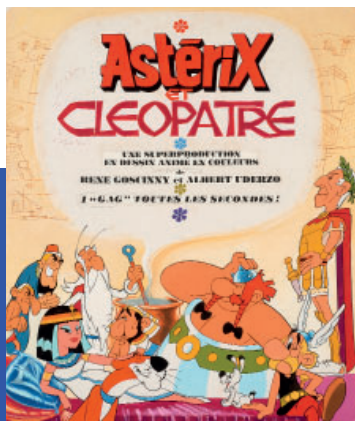
The modern comic strip will also be featured with drawings by Jean-Claude Mézières, Philippe Druillet and Jean-Jacques Sempé.

In addition, the sale includes a rare selection of plates by Hugo Pratt, Will Eisner and Jean Roba.

Collectors will also find a resin sculpture personalised by visual artist Jeanne Susplugas, representing the famous Cat by Philippe Geluck. A successful collaboration between the 9th art and contemporary art.

« A magnificent sale honouring European names, with a special place for Albert Uderzo and his American colleagues Eisner and the great Winsor McCay. A sale not to be missed ! »

- Eric Leroy,
Comic Strips Expert, Artcurial



Albert UDERZO
Astérix et Cléopâtre - 1968
Indian ink, gouache
Cut-out for the poster of the film
« Astérix et Cléopâtre »
64,80 x 49,60 cm
Estimate : 80 000 - 120 000 €

Hugo PRATT
Corto Maltese en Sibérie
Page 79 - 1979
Indian ink and felt-tip pen on paper.
Speech bubbles in Indian ink, cut out
and glued.
62,60 x 48 cm
Estimate : 40 000 - 60 000 €

Jean-Claude MÉZIÈRES
Au bord du Grand Rien Kenzo
Indian ink, gouache, pastel and
pencil on paper
41,50 x 38 cm
Estimate : 25 000 - 30 000 €



Jean ROBA
Bill sous les feux des projecteurs
Watercolour and Indian ink on paper
21,81 x 32,80 cm
Estimate : 25 000 - 35 000 €



Classic and contemporary comic strips

The section dedicated to modern comic strips will feature the work of Jean-Claude Mézières with *Au bord du Grand Rien*, a gouache painted for the cover of the album published in 2004. This lot has an estimate of 25 000 - 30 000 €.

Amongst classic comic strips on offer will be a gouache by Albert Uderzo bringing to life the adventures of Astérix and Obélix. It was created for the poster of the animated film *Astérix et Cléopâtre* made in 1968 and has an estimate of 80 000 - 120 000 €.

A second gouache by Albert Uderzo dated 1975 will also star in the sale. Entitled *Astérix, Obélix et Idéfix*, this illustration, a depiction of the three heroes from his albums, is estimated at 60 000 - 80 000 €.

Work by André Franquin & Jidéhem will also come under the hammer, including a plate representing Gaston Lagaffe from 1960 estimated at 15 000 - 25 000 €.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Sale :
Saturday 20 November 2021 - 16h00

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About Artcurial

Founded in 2002, multidisciplinary Paris based auction house Artcurial confirmed its leading position on the international art market scene in 2020. With three sale venues in Paris, Monaco and Marrakech, the auction house achieved an overall sales total of 149,2 million euros in 2020.

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In October 2015, Artcurial held its first sale in Hong Kong and Morocco.

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