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Press release



3,7M€ for Old Masters

Old Master and 19th Century Art
Results for the sale on 9 November 2021

On Tuesday 9 November, Artcurial presented its prestigious sale dedicated to Old Master & 19th Century Art. Matthieu Fournier brought the hammer down on a sale totalling 3,7M€ / 4,3M\$ including premium.

The Old Master & 19th Century department's excellent result of nearly 13M€ for 2021 underlines the strong position secured by Artcurial in this speciality.

PARIS - On Tuesday 9 November, the Old Master & 19th Century Art department presented its major biannual sale. Under the hammer of Matthieu Fournier, the auction realised a total of 3,7M € / 4,3M \$ including premium, including 8 lots above 100 000 € and 11 lots above 50 000 €.

There were some notable highlights, in particular La Joconde, (Mona Lisa) the copy of the famous portrait with the mysterious smile, which sold well above estimate for 273 000 € / 315 740 \$.

The set of five oils on canvas dating from 1660, by Jan van Dalen, Allégories des Cinq Sens, changed hands for 260 00 € / 300 704 \$. This masterful group of paintings had been exhibited at Artcurial in 2011 when the painter remained relatively unknown.

L'Etude d'homme en buste by François-Auguste Biard was acquired by a museum for 240 500 € / 202 975 \$. Previously attributed to Théodore Géricault, this portrait was long considered to be a study for Géricault's famous painting of the Raft of the Medusa. However, recent research revealed that the brushstrokes belonged to a different travelling painter: François- Auguste Biard. The brown patinated bronze representing Hercule et Cerbère, attributed to Pierre Puget, also attracted strong bidding, selling well above its high estimate for 240 500 € / 278 151 \$.

« What a pleasure to have buyers, collectors and enthusiasts back in a packed and active saleroom! Once again Artcurial has been able to present and pass on works of museum quality. The excellent results for Old Masters in 2021 are the result of special relationships nurtured over the past fifteen years between private collections, passionate enthusiasts and our team. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2022 with some new discoveries »

- Matthieu Fournier,
Auctioneer and Director of the Old Master & 19th Century Art department,
Artcurial



François-Auguste BIARD
Etude d'homme en buste
Oil on paper mounted on canvas
Height : 51 Largeur : 47 cm
Sold : 175 500 € including premium



Attributed to Pierre PUGET
Hercule et Cerbère
Bronze with brown patina
Height : 34 cm
Sold : 240 500 € including premium

OLD MASTER & 19TH CENTURY ART

Sale total : :

3 688 870 € / 4 266 381 \$

LOT	DESCRIPTION	PRIX (1€ = 1,16 \$)	BUYER
64	Ecole française vers 1600 <i>Lisa Gherardini dit La Joconde ou</i> <i>Mona Lisa</i> - Oil on oak panel	273 000 € / 315 740 \$ (Est : 150 000 - 200 000 €)	European collector
31	Jan van DALEN <i>Allégories des Cinq Sens</i> Set of five oil on canvases	260 000 € / 300 704 \$ (Est : 200 000 - 300 000 €)	European institution
78	Attributed to Pierre PUGET <i>Hercule et Cerbère</i> Bronze with brown patina	240 500 € / 278 151 \$ (Est : 15 000 - 20 000 €)	European client
122	François-Auguste BIARD <i>Etude d'homme en buste</i> Oil on paper mounted on canvas	175 500 € / 202 975 \$ (Est : 50 000 - 70 000 €)	Museum institution
44	Jan de BRAY <i>Portrait de jeune femme aux pendants d'oreilles</i> <i>ornés de perles</i> - Oil on oak panel	169 000 € / 195 458 \$ (Est : 30 000 - 40 000 €)	French collector

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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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