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Press release



## *€14M / \$15M for major sales of Modern & Contemporary Art*

Modern & Contemporary Art and Twenty One Contemporary  
Sales results for 7 and 8 June 2023

On June 7th and 8th, Artcurial brought together collectors from around the world for its prestigious *Modern & Contemporary Art* and *Twenty One Contemporary* sales, which totalled €14,109,706 / \$15,198,524 including premium. The collection of the famous conductor Pierre Boulez, which inaugurated the auction session, achieved a total of €783,000 including premium. Highlights of the evening sales included, René Magritte's exquisite surrealist gouache, *La saveur des larmes*, which was sold for €1,600,400 including premium, and Pierre Soulages' *Outrenoir Peinture 65 x 143 cm, 13 décembre 2008*, which fetched €852,800 including premium. The set of four works by Mai Trung Thu and Le Pho reached nearly €1.4M including premium, establishing Artcurial as a major player in the market for painters of the Hanoi School.

PARIS - In early June, Artcurial invited art enthusiasts and collectors of Modern and Contemporary Art for its prestigious sales sessions of the first semester. The *Modern & Contemporary Art* and *Twenty One Contemporary* auctions highlighted iconic artists from these periods and achieved sales of over €14M / \$15M.

### €783,000 for the Pierre Boulez Collection

The sales sessions started with the collection of the renowned conductor Pierre Boulez's, which achieved a total of €783,000. Derived from his estate, this collection of paintings, drawings, watercolors, and prints reflects the composer's fervent passion for 20<sup>th</sup> century artists and the special connection he maintained with them. Among the notable results, the oil on canvas *El pote rojo III* from 1948, signed by Alejandro Otero, soared to €262,400 including premium, three times its initial estimate. Four hammer strikes earlier, the set of 12 sketches created for the Fontaine Stravinsky in 1983 by Jean Tinguely reached €78,720 including premium.

### €1.6M for Magritte's *La saveur des larmes*

The evening sale of the *Impressionist & Modern* department showcased a collection of surrealist artworks from various private collections. A standout piece of the auction was René Magritte's exceptional gouache, *La saveur des larmes*, which had remained in the same French collection for forty years and fetched €1,600,400 including premium. The auction also honored eminent figures of modern art such as Marc Chagall, whose

painting *Jeune femme au bouquet de fleurs*, executed in 1985, achieved €708,480 including premium.

### €1.4M for the Hanoi School

The day sale opened with a set of four works by two artists from the Hanoi School: Mai Trung Thu and Le Pho, which achieved a total of €1,377,600 including premium, tripling its initial estimate.

### €852,800 for Pierre Soulages

Within the Contemporary Art category, the highest bid was reached by Pierre Soulages' *Peinture 65 x 143 cm, 13 décembre 2008*, which sold for €852,800 including premium. The auction also showcased prominent artists of this period. In particular, collectors showed great interest in Zao Wou-Ki, with his artwork *28.03.71* soaring to €369,090 including premium, and in Hans Hartung, with his painting *T-1970-H30* which acquired for €328,080 including premium.

### Over €800,000 for the ultra-contemporary

These auctions concluded with *Twenty One Contemporary*, a sale dedicated to ultra-contemporary artists. Among the notable results, Robert Irwin stood out with *Both / And* which sold for €137,760 including premium. The sculpture *Yoko XVI* by the artist Don Brown also surprised by surpassing its initial estimate of €1,200 by 33 times, reaching a final price of €39,360 including premium.



Pierre SOULAGES 1919 - 2022  
*Peinture 65 x 143 cm, 13 décembre 2008 - 2008*  
Acrylic on canvas  
signed and dated on the reverse  
64 x 143 cm  
Sold €852,800 / \$216,201 including premium



René MAGRITTE 1898-1967  
*La saveur des larmes - 1946*  
Gouache on paper  
50,80 cm x 36,40 cm  
Sold €1,600,400 / \$1,719,381 including premium

# PIERRE BOULEZ COLLECTION

## *A Life in the Beat of Art*

Sale total:

**€783,000 / \$843,617**

LOT	DESCRIPTION	PRICE (€1 = \$1,08)	BUYER
38	<b>Alejandro OTERO (1921 - 1990)</b> <i>El pote rojo III</i> - 1948 Oil on canvas	<b>€262,400 / \$282,714</b> (Est : €70,000 - €90,000)	International Collector
34	<b>Jean TINGUELY (1925-1991)</b> <i>Sans titre</i> - circa 1979-83 Set of 12 works for the Stravinsky Fountain in Paris Mixed media and collage on paper	<b>€78,720 / \$84,814</b> (Est : €25,000 - €35,000)	European Collector
6	<b>Paul KLEE 1879-1940</b> <i>(Neue Fassung Schaffendes Haupt) - Miniaturartig / (Tête créatrice, nouvelle version), façon miniature</i> - 1917 Watercolor and ink on paper	<b>€62,976 / \$67,851</b> (Est : €50,000 - €70,000)	French Collector
28	<b>ZAO WOU-KI (1920 - 2013)</b> <i>Sans titre</i> - circa 1958 Ink and watercolour on paper	<b>€57,728 / \$62,197</b> (Est : €20,000 - €30,000)	French Collector
37	<b>Maria Helena VIEIRA DA SILVA (1908 - 1990)</b> <i>Sans titre</i> - 1949 Gouache on wood	<b>€34,768 / \$37,460</b> (Est : €35,000 - €55,000)	French Collector

# IMPRESSIONIST & MODERN ART

Sale Total:

**€7,075,876 / \$7,623,655**

LOT	DESCRIPTION	PRICE (€1 = \$1,08)	BUYER
100	<b>René MAGRITTE 1898-1967</b> <i>La saveur des larmes</i> - 1946 Gouache on paper	<b>€1,600,400 / \$1,724,295</b> (Est : €800,000 - €1,200,000)	European Collector
113	<b>Marc CHAGALL 1887 - 1985</b> <i>Jeune femme au bouquet de fleurs</i> - 1928 Oil on canvas	<b>€708,480 / \$763,327</b> (Est : €550,000 - €650,000)	French Collector
203	<b>LE PHO 1907 - 2001</b> <i>Mère et enfant, fond fleurs</i> Gouache and ink on silk	<b>€524,800 / \$565,427</b> (Est : €200,000 - €300,000)	International Collector
201	<b>MAI TRUNG THU 1906 - 1980</b> <i>Le balcon</i> - 1945 Gouache and ink on silk	<b>€406,720 / \$438,206</b> (Est : €100,000 - €150,000)	International Collector
200	<b>MAI TRUNG THU 1906 - 1980</b> <i>Les deux sœurs</i> - 1945 Gouache and ink on silk	<b>€262,400 / \$282,714</b> (Est : €100,000 - €150,000)	International Collector

# POST-WAR & CONTEMPORARY ART

Sale total:

**€5,429,305 / \$5,849,615**

LOT	DESCRIPTION	PRICE (€1 = \$1,08)	BUYER
133	<b>Pierre SOULAGES (1919-2022)</b> <i>Peinture 65 x 143 cm, 13 décembre 2008 - 2008</i> Acrylic on canvas	<b>€852,800 / \$918,819</b> (Est : €700,000 - €900,000)	International Collector
127	<b>ZAO WOU- KI (1920 - 2013)</b> <i>28.03.71 - 1971</i> Oil on canvas	<b>€369,090 / \$397,663</b> (Est : €300,000 - €500,000)	International Collector
132	<b>Hans HARTUNG (1904 - 1989)</b> <i>T-1970-H30 - 1970</i> Acrylic and scratching on canvas	<b>€328,080 / \$353,478</b> (Est : €250,000 - €350,000)	French Collector
144	<b>Tom WESSELMANN (1931 - 2004)</b> <i>Monica sitting with Mondrian (Black) - 1988</i> Alkyd on laser cut steel	<b>€262,400 / \$282,714</b> (Est : €100,000 - €200,000)	European Collector
417	<b>Alfred MANESSIER (1911 - 1993)</b> <i>Soir d'été dans la Baie de Somme - 1947</i> Oil on canvas	<b>€232,390 / \$250,380</b> (Est : €35,000 - €45,000)	French Collector

# TWENTY ONE CONTEMPORARY

Sale Total:

**€821,525 / \$884,920**

LOT	DESCRIPTION	PRICE (€1 = \$1,08)	BUYER
49	<b>Robert IRWIN (Né en 1928)</b> <i>Both / And - 2010</i> Neon lights and and electrical system on panel	<b>€137,760 / \$148,425</b> (Est : €60,000 - €80,000)	European Collector
7	<b>Herbert BRANDL (Né en 1959)</b> <i>Sans titre - 2006</i> Oil on canvas	<b>€98,400 / \$106,017</b> (Est : €30,000 - €40,000)	European Collector
53	<b>Jean-Michel BASQUIAT (D'après)</b> <i>Charles the First - 1982 / 2004</i> Screenprint in colors on Saunders Hot Press watercolour paper	<b>€70,848 / \$76,333</b> (Est : €40,000 - €60,000)	International Collector
40	<b>Xavier VEILHAN (Né en 1963)</b> <i>Jean-Philippe Vassal - 2010</i> Polyuréthane resin and blue epoxy paint	<b>€43,296 / \$46,648</b> (Est : €25,000 - €35,000)	International Collector
42	<b>Don BROWN (Né en 1962)</b> <i>Yoko XVI - 2006</i> Bronze with black patina	<b>€39,360 / \$42,407</b> (Est : €1,200 - €1,500)	French Collector

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### *About Artcurial*

Founded in 2002, Artcurial, the leading French auction house based in Paris, confirmed its leading position on the international art market in 2022.

With three sale venues in Paris, Monaco and Marrakech, the auction house achieved an overall sales total of 216,5 million euros in 2022. Artcurial covers all the major specialist fields including Fine Arts, Decorative Arts, Collectors' Cars, Jewelry, Watches, Fine Wines and Spirits...

With a strong international vocation, Artcurial maintains its presence abroad with offices in Brussels, Milan, Monte-Carlo, Munich and Marrakech as well as a presence in Austria and Spain.

In April 2023, Artcurial expands into Switzerland with the acquisition of the Auction house *Beurret Bailly Widmer Auktionen* with the ambition of increasing its presence within this European zone.

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