

October 26th, 2015 – Drouot

Auction total: exceeding two and a half million euros; € 2,658,939



Aguttes' star of the year, **Sanyu** (1901-1966), achieved an auction result in the million-euro range on October 26th, with the sale of a monochromatic, light-toned study of a seated nude for 1.5 million euros (€1,530,000).

Let's recall the two previous high prices recorded last June 2nd, in which two flower bouquet renderings, contemporary to the aforementioned nude, fetched 4 million euros.

This price level emerges for Sanyu's most sought-after subjects, and lively bidding matches are a given.

These three canvases carry Henri-Pierre Roché's monogram on the back. Two of them, the black bouquet and the nude, once belonged to the Jean-Claude Riedel collection. Such provenance confirms this set's quality that approaches 10 million euros (€9,690,000), obtained by Aguttes over the course of a few months.



Sanyu, adjudgé 1 530 000 €



Wang Yancheng, adjudgé 255 000 €



Le Pho, adjudgé 61 200 €



Anna Boch, adjudgé 39 925 €



Berrocal, adjudgé 14 025 €

Kunlan Shan, a painting created in 2009, by the artist **Wang Yancheng** (b.1960), fetched €255,000, thus greatly surpassing its low estimate of €150,000. This is a world record for the artist, considering the work's dimensions. After a lengthy battle between Chinese and European bidders, among which were private and professional collectors, the hammer fell to the bid of a European collector couple.

Results in line with international results were reached for a two-part work by Vietnamese artist **Le Pho**. The first part reached €61,200, and the second €51,000. **Anna Boch** fetched nearly €40,000 (€39,525) for her Mediterranean Port. Other notable bids were achieved for the Clown by **Gilioli** at €14,663 and that of the bronzes by **Berrocal** at €14,025.



Gilioli, adjudgé 14 663 €

An exceptional amount of French and foreign collectors came to Paris for the weekend to participate in the auction. Aligning the auction sale date with the FIAC art fair no doubt helped to obtain good results. Indeed, a number of visitors added Drouot to their list of destinations alongside FIAC, Art Elysées and other exhibitions taking place.

Upcoming sales in this category are being planned in December, at Drouot, Paris, and in Lyon.

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