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Sale no: 7621 – Top Ten

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

Sold:	£5,313,925	\$8,369,432	€6,605,209
Lots Sold: 175	Lots Offered: 258	Sold by Lot: 68%	Sold by £: 87%
Exchange Rate £: = \$1.575/€1.243			

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Purchase Price	Buyer
128	An exceptionally fine and rare yellow jade belt hook, <i>Dai Gou</i> , Western Han, 206BC – AD 8 WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR ARCHAIC JADE CARVINGS	£100,000-150,000	£825,250 \$1,299,769 €1,025,786	Anonymous
206	A Ming-style blue and white moonflask underglaze blue Qianlong six-character sealmark and of the period, 1736-95	£120,000-150,000	£301,250 \$474,469 €374,454	UK Trade
13	A very fine and rare imperial white jade archaistic vessel, <i>Gu</i> , Qianlong, 1736-95	£180,000-220,000	£289,250 \$455,569 €359,538	American Private
9	An Exceptionally Fine And Rare Imperial White Jade 'Phoenix' Wine-Pot And Cover, Qianlong/Jiaqing	£200,000-300,000	£205,250 \$323,269 €255,126	American Private
31	A Very Rare And Finely Carved Rhinoceros Horn Lotus Leaf-Shaped Water Dropper, 17 th /18 th Century	£80,000-100,000	£205,250 \$323,269 €255,126	Asian Trade
223	An extremely rare famille rose 'peach and bats' medallion bowl, underglaze blue Yongzheng six-character mark within a double circle and of the period	£150,000-250,000	£181,250 \$285,469 €225,294	Eskenazi Ltd
11	A very fine and rare white jade 'mallow' marriage bowl, Qianlong, 1736-95	£150,000-200,000	£157,250 \$247,669 €195,462	Asian Trade
142	Two very rare imperial 'Bannerman' portraits Attributed to Jin Tingbiao (active 1757-67) with inscriptions by the Qianlong emperor, r. 1736-95	£100,000-150,000	£121,250 \$190,969 €150,714	Asian Private
50	A rare and large lacquered wood figure of Simhanada Avalokitesvara, early Ming dynasty, 15 th century	£25,000-35,000	£99,650 \$156,949 €123,865	Asian Trade
226	A fine and rare famille verte coral-ground 'boys' bowl, underglaze blue Jiaqing six-character sealmark and of the period, 1796-1820	£20,000-30,000	£97,250 \$153,169 €120,882	Asian Trade

Comment: Ruben Lien, Christie's Associate Director, Head of Sale:

"Today's auction demonstrated the continuing strength of the Chinese art market. Spirited bidding from clients in the packed sale room, on Christie's Live and the telephones, resulted in quality pieces with good provenance and of great rarity going to buyers from very diverse backgrounds. The top lot, a magnificent Western Han jade belt hook from the Baroness von Oertzen Collection, sold for £825,250 to an anonymous private collector, establishing a world record for archaic jade carvings; the under-bidder for this lot was an internet bidder from Shanghai. Bidding for this rare collection saw fierce competition from collectors and made multiples of its pre-sale estimates. Another private jade collection of just 18 lots, mostly comprising of 18th century white jade pieces, totalled £1.1 million, led by a beautiful archaistic vase which sold for £289,250. Fine 18th century Imperial porcelain pieces are still extremely sought after, and a blue and white moonflask from the Qianlong period was sold for £301,250. Further notable prices achieved include the beautiful famille rose bowl from the famous Palmer collection, which made £181,250 and a rhinoceros horn carving from the same collection which sold for £205,250. We look forward to future Christie's sales of Chinese art, at South Kensington on the 7th of November, in Paris on the 21st of November, and in Hong Kong at the beginning of December."

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