

CHRISTIE'S

Centuries of Style: Silver, European Ceramics, Portrait Miniatures and Gold Boxes

London – Wednesday & Thursday, 30 & 31 May 2012

Sale no: 5377 – Top Ten

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

Sold:	£3,128,588	\$4,849,311	€3,904,478
Lots Sold: 336	Lots Offered: 490	Sold by Lot: 69%	Sold by £: 78%
Exchange Rate £ = \$1.550 £ = €1.248			

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Purchase Price	Buyer
276	A PAIR OF ITALIAN SILVER SOUP-TUREENS AND COVERS, MARK OF CARLO BARTOLOTTI, ROME, CIRCA 1790	40,000 - 60,000	£307,250 \$476,238 €383,448	Anonymous
104	A LOUIS XV-STYLE JEWELLED GOLD-MOUNTED HARDSTONE SNUFF-BOX	20,000 - 30,000	£73,250 \$113,538 €91,416	Anonymous
500	A GUBBIO OR URBINO MAIOLICA LUSTRED DATED PLATE, 1524, LUSTRED IN THE GUBBIO WORKSHOP OF MAESTRO GIORGIO ANDREOLI	60,000 - 100,000	£73,250 \$113,538 €91,416	Anonymous
642	A MEISSEN DATED PORTRAIT FIGURE OF HOFNARR FRÖHLICH, 1738, INCISED 3	8,000 - 12,000	£67,250 \$104,238 €83,928	Anonymous
62	A GERMAN ENAMELLED GOLD SNUFF-BOX, WITH THE HANAU TOWN MARK, CIRCA 1790/1795, ALSO WITH PRESTIGE MARKS, LATER STRUCK WITH TWO FRENCH POST-1893 IMPORT MARKS FOR GOLD	20,000 - 30,000	£58,850 \$91,218 €73,445	UK Trade
259	A SET OF TWELVE FRENCH EMPIRE SILVER-GILT DINNER-PLATES FROM THE BORGHESE SERVICE, MARK OF MARTIN-GUILLAUME BIENNAIS, PARIS, 1809-1819	10,000 - 15,000	£54,050 \$83,778 €67,454	Anonymous
83	A FINE LOUIS XV ENAMELLED VARI-COLOUR GOLD SNUFF-BOX SET WITH TWO ENAMEL PLAQUES, BY PHILLIPE (LE) BOURLIER (FL. 1769-1791)	40,000 - 60,000	£49,250 \$76,338 €61,464	Anonymous
614	A BERLIN CHINOISERIE TEA AND COFFEE SERVICE, CIRCA 1770, BLUE SCEPTRE MARKS, VARIOUS IMPRESSED MARKS	40,000 - 60,000	£49,250 \$76,338 €61,464	Anonymous
662	A MEISSEN GOLD-MOUNTED SHAPED-RECTANGULAR SNUFF-BOX, CIRCA 1740, THE MOUNT PROBABLY CONTEMPORARY	8,000 - 12,000	£40,850 \$63,318 €50,981	Anonymous
270	A FRENCH SILVER-GILT JARDINIÈRE AND STAND, MARK OF ODIOT, PARIS, CIRCA 1880	10,000 - 15,000	£39,650 \$61,458 €49,483	European Trade

Comment: Comment: Jo Langston, Harry Williams-Bulkeley and Rodney Woolley:

"The silver section of this sale saw very strong bidding for the finest continental lots, such as the pair of Italian silver soup-tureens and covers by Carlo Bartolotti (Lot 276). Equally strong results were achieved for both the French empire silver and pieces by George Jensen. Provenance and history continued to be a draw as demonstrated by the impressive performance of the Charles Dickens presentation claret jug. The miniatures section sparked competitive international bidding, particularly for Russian lots; the highlight was a profile portrait of General Kutuzov by an unknown Russian artist which fetched £12,500. Gold boxes, led by a collection from an Italian Private Collector, performed well, seeing fierce competition for the Louis XV-Style jewelled gold-mounted lapis-lazuli snuff-box. Among the European ceramics notable prices were achieved in classic collecting areas including German porcelain and Italian maiolica where provenance, quality and rarity proved most valuable. This was demonstrated by the dated Meissen figure of Fröhlich, from the collection of the renowned Victorian collector Lady Charlotte Schreiber (Lot 642). We look forward to the 'Exceptional Sale' on 5 July 2012 and 'Centuries of Style' on 27 November 2012."

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