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Beyond Compare: A Thousand Years of the Literati Aesthetic

Achieved HK\$717,310,000 / US\$92,071,130

Led by Wood and Rock by Su Shi

The Most Valuable Object Sold by Christie's In Asia



SU SHI (1037-1101)
Wood and Rock
Handscroll, Ink on paper
Painting: 26.3 X 50cm
Painting and colophons: 26.3 x 185.5 cm
Overall with mounting: 27.2 X 543cm

Hong Kong – Christie's **Beyond Compare: A Thousand Years of the Literati Aesthetic** evening sale took place on 26 November totalling **HK\$717,310,000 / US\$92,071,130** with 90% sold by lot.

The sale showcased works spanning over a millennium of Chinese history, viewed through the lens of the exceptional and enduring spirit of the Song literati and was highlighted by the sale of *Wood and Rock* by Su Shi. This monumental masterpiece by one of the greatest cultural figures of the ancient world, achieved **HK\$463,600,000/59,505,899**, becoming the most expensive object sold by Christie's in Asia.

Jonathan Stone, Co-Chairman Asian Art, Deputy Chairman Asia, commented "Christie's was honoured to be entrusted with the sale of such a culturally significant work, with the price achieved establishing its position amongst the most important works in Chinese history. Exceptional results were achieved for the sale with 90% sold by lot, including *Landscapes and Calligraphy* by Bada Shanren which was sold for 4 times over low estimate".

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SALE HIGHLIGHTS



ZHOU CHUNYA (B. 1955)
Tree Series
 oil on canvas
 195 x 130 cm. (76 ¾ x 51 ½ in.)
 Painted in 1993
 Price Realised HK\$30,100,000



AN IMPORTANT AND EXTREMELY RARE RU
 'SKY-BLUE' TEA BOWL
 NORTHERN SONG DYNASTY,
 LATE 11TH-EARLY 12TH CENTURY
 4 in. (10.2 cm.) diam.
 Price Realised HK\$56,350,000



AN IMPORTANT AND EXTREMELY RARE JUN
 'NUMBER FOUR' JARDINIÈRE
 YUAN-EARLY MING DYNASTY,
 14TH-15TH CENTURY
 10 in. (25.4 cm.) wide
 Price Realised HK\$ 33,700,000



BADA SHANREN (1626-1705)
Landscapes and Calligraphy (4 of 12)
 A set of twelve album leaves, mounted as
 six hanging scrolls, ink on paper
 Each leaf measures 24 x 13.5 cm (9 ½ x 5 ¼ in.)
 Price Realised 24,100,000

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