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CHRISTIE'S MODERN & CONTEMPORARY ART DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT THE SEASON OF MASTERPIECES

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SANYU (CHANG YU, 1895-1966)

Chrysanthèmes roses dans une corbeille (Pink Chrysanthemum in a Basket)

oil on canvas 92 x 60 cm.

Painted in 1931

HK\$68,000,000 – 98,000,000 / US\$8,900,000 – 12,000,000

Hong Kong – On 2 & 3 December, Christie's will present a curated selection of masterworks by artists from around the globe, spanning across eras, genres, mediums and cultures. These include previously announced highlights by artists including Zao Wou-Ki, Zhang Xiaogang, Andy Warhol, and Yayoi Kusama, as well as important works by leading abstract artists, a significant group of Southeast Asian artworks, and an outstanding masterpiece by the Chinese-French painter Sanyu (illustrated above).

Following the auction records set by Sanyu's *Five Nudes* and *White Chrysanthemum in a Blue and White Jardiniere* over the past two seasons, Christie's continues to be the market leader for Sanyu. This season we are proud to present ***Chrysanthèmes roses dans une corbeille (Pink Chrysanthemum in a Basket)*** (Estimate: **HK\$68,000,000–98,000,000 / US\$8,900,000–12,000,000**), an impressive floral still-life by the artist.

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Painted in 1931, *Pink Chrysanthemums in a Basket* is an exceptional example of Sanyu's floral paintings from the 30s, demonstrating the artist's unique approach to composition and space. Using simple colors and a blend of stylization and realism, Sanyu utilized the Western medium of oil and canvas to capture a sense of Chinese aesthetics in his paintings of flowers. *Pink Chrysanthemums in a Basket*, with its unique vertical composition and delicately etched details, showcases the artist's dedication to achieving a refined elegance in his work.

ABSTRACT ART FROM AROUND THE WORLD

This season, Christie's will also offer a series of exceptional works by modern and contemporary masters of abstract art including Zao Wou-Ki, Chu Teh-Chun, Kazuo Shiraga & Cecily Brown. A major highlight is **Chu Teh-Chun's *La Forêt Blanche I (The White Forest I)***, one of the best examples from Chu's Snow Scene series, and is one of a pair of works painted in 1987 from the sub-series *La forêt blanche* (The White Forest). Featuring dramatic splashes and energetic brushstrokes, Snow Scene paintings are immensely sought after and are widely considered some of the artist's best works. In 2012, Christie's sold *The White Forest II*, which achieved a new world auction record for the artist at the time.



CHU TEH-CHUN (1920-2014)
La Forêt Blanche I (The White Forest I)
oil on canvas 130 x 195.5 cm
Painted in 1987

**HK\$35,000,000 – 55,000,000/
US\$4,600,000 – 7,100,000**



CHU TEH-CHUN (1920-2014)
L'espoir est né (Hope is Born)
oil on canvas 180 x 230 cm.
Painted in 1991

**HK\$20,000,000 – 30,000,000/
US\$2,600,000 – 3,800,000**



CECILY BROWN (B. 1969)
Bonus
oil on canvas 121.9 x 152.4 cm.
Painted in 2004

**HK\$16,000,000 – 22,000,000/
US\$2,100,000 – 2,800,000**



KAZUO SHIRAGA
Henge
oil on canvas 130 x 161.5 cm
Painted in 1990

**HK\$8,000,000 – 12,000,000/
US\$1,100,000 – 1,500,000**

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AN EXCEPTIONAL SELECTION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN ART

Building upon a reputation for offering the best of Southeast Asian art from across the region, this season Christie's is proud to present an extremely rare, large-format painting by Filipino artist **Vicente Silva Manansala**, *Tiangge (Market scene)*, a work that has belonged to the same distinguished private collection for the past 15 years. Christie's will also present the **The Jean-Marc Lefèvre Collection** of Vietnamese art in our day sale on 3 December. Lovingly assembled over a span of 24 years, the group of 15 paintings span the timeline of modern Vietnamese painting from 1909 – 1983.



VICENTE SILVA MANANSALA (1910-1981)
Tiangge (Market scene)
 oil on canvas
 124 x 195 cm.
 Painted in 1980

HK\$3,000,000 – 5,000,000/
 US\$390,000 – 640,000



NGUYEN PHAN CHANH (1892-1984)
Les Couturières (Seamstresses at Work)
 ink and gouache on silk in its original Gadin frame
 65.5 x 88 cm.
 Painted in 1930

HK\$4,800,000 – 5,800,000/
 US\$630,000 – 750,000



MAI TRUNG THU (1906-1980)
La jeune femme de Hué (Young Lady from Hué)
 oil on canvas
 73 x 60.5 cm.
 Painted in 1937

HK\$1,800,000 – 2,400,000/
 US\$240,000 – 310,000

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OTHER SALE HIGHLIGHTS



LIU YE (B. 1964)

Reading

oil and acrylic on canvas

100 x 80 cm.

Painted in 2003

HK\$8,000,000 – 12,000,000/

US\$1,100,000 – 1,500,000



YOSHITOMO NARA (B. 1959)

PEACE ON YOUR FEET

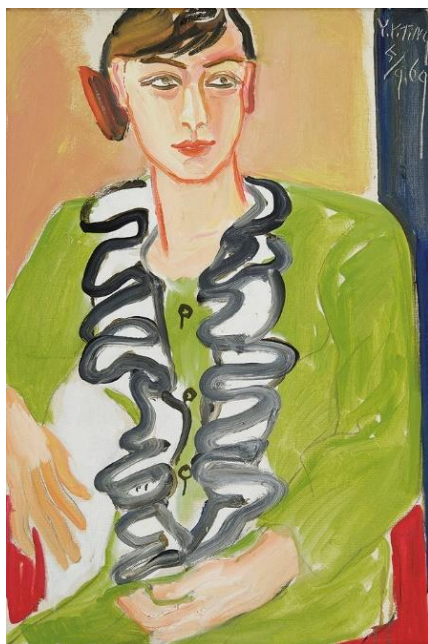
coloured pencil and acrylic on paper

132.4 x 115.9 cm.

Painted in 2004

HK\$7,000,000 – 9,000,000/

US\$910,000 – 1,100,000



DING YANYONG (1902-1978)

Seated Lady in Green Blouse

oil on canvas

91.2 x 60.6 cm.

Painted in 1969

HK\$5,800,000 – 8,800,000

US\$760,000 – 1,100,000



MATTHEW WONG (1984-2019)

The Journey Home

oil on wooden panel (triptych)

each: 50.5 x 40.5 cm

Painted in 2017

HK\$700,000 – 1,500,000/

US\$91,000 – 190,000

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Preview at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

Viewing: 27 November – 2 December 2020

Venue: Convention Hall, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Expo Drive, HK

Auctions:

Modern and Contemporary Art Evening Sale: 2 December

Modern and Contemporary Art Day Sale (Morning and Afternoon Sessions): 3 December

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