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PHILLIPS' NEW NOW: MODERN & CONTEMPORARY ART AUCTION REALISES OVER £3 MILLION, LED BY KEITH HARING AND DAMIEN HIRST

New Auction Records Set for Harminder Judge, Sabine Moritz, Gerard Auguste Schneider, David Rappeneau, and Robert Janitz

London, 4 December 2024

Sale Total: £3,053,715 / \$3,867,225 / €3,683,391

Lots Sold: 141 | Lots Offered: 168

Sold by Lot: 84% | Sold by Value: 87%



Louise Simpson, Phillips' Head of New Now, London, Associate Specialist, said, "We are delighted with the results of today's New Now: Modern & Contemporary Art auction, bringing a successful close to the live auction season here in London. Achieving a total of £3 million, these results underscore the resilience and vibrancy of the middle market as we wrap up the fall season. Enthusiastic participation from collectors across more than 50 countries reflected the global appeal of this sale, and true to the spirit of New Now, the top ten lots showcased an exciting mix of established masters and rising stars. Highlights included works by icons like Keith Haring and Damien Hirst, alongside exceptional prices achieved for works by Sabine Moritz and rising talent Joseph Yaeger, whose work far exceeded presale estimates. Five world auction records were achieved during the sale, including those for Harminder Judge and Sabine Moritz, and Paul Pfeiffer's *Prologue to the Story of the Birth of Freedom* achieved £76,200, an extraordinary result at more than ten times its presale estimate. We invite collectors to explore our online-only auction, open until 2pm GMT tomorrow, and look forward to building on this success in 2025."

Top Ten Lots

Lot	Description	Estimate	Price Achieved
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12	Keith Haring, <i>Acrobats</i> , 1986	£180,000 - 220,000	£241,300 \$305,582/€291,056
14	Damien Hirst, <i>Midas Asteroid</i> , 2007	£150,000 – 200,000	£177,800 \$225,166/€214,462
19	Damien Hirst, <i>Beautiful, Timeless, Tranquility Spin Painting for Deron</i> , 2016	£120,000 – 180,000	£139,700 \$176,916/€168,506
44	Günther Förg, <i>Untitled</i> , 1989	£70,000 – 100,000	£114,300 \$144,750/€137,869
97	Paul Pfeiffer, <i>Prologue to the Story of the Birth of Freedom</i> , 2000	£7,000 – 10,000	£76,200 \$96,500/€91,912
23	Salvo, <i>Senza titolo</i> , 1987	£60,000 – 80,000	£76,200 \$96,500/€91,912
17	Damien Hirst, <i>Psalm 3: Domine, quid multiplicati?</i> , 2008	£60,000 – 80,000	£69,850 \$88,458/€84,253
18	George Condo, <i>Urbanscape</i> , 1993	£55,000 – 75,000	£63,500 \$80,416/€76,594
45	Sabine Moritz, <i>Lair IV</i> , 2022 WORLD AUCTION RECORD	£10,000 – 15,000	£60,960 \$77,200/€73,530
1	Joseph Yaeger, <i>Unexpress the expressible</i> , 2021	£8,000 – 12,000	£58,420 \$73,983/€70,466

New Auction Records

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8	Harminder Judge, <i>Untitled (soil cursed and lit and burst)</i> , 2022 <i>*previous record price: 9,450 GBP set in 2024</i>	£15,000 - 20,000	£30,480 \$38,600/€36,765
45	Sabine Moritz, <i>Lair IV</i> , 2022 <i>*previous record price: 52,500 GBP set in 2015</i>	£10,000 - 15,000	£60,960 \$77,200/€73,530
77	Gerard Auguste Schneider, <i>Opus 100 L</i> , 1977 <i>*previous record price: 14,036 EUR set in 2017</i>	£10,000 - 15,000	£24,130 \$30,558/€29,106
129	David Rappeneau, <i>1899-12-30T08:00:00.000Z</i> , 2017 <i>*previous record price: 625 USD set in 2019</i>	£6,000 - 8,000	£5,334 \$6,755 /€6,434
163	Robert Janitz, <i>The Nadir of Nihilism</i> , 2019 <i>*previous record price: 19,050 GBP set in 2023</i>	£6,000 - 8,000	£20,320 \$25,733/€24,510

Exchange Rate on 4 December 2024: GBP£1 = US\$1.2664, €1.2062

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