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PHILLIPS SETS AUCTION RECORDS FOR AI WEIWEI AND MARK BRADFORD IN FEBRUARY CONTEMPORARY ART EVENING SALE

CONTEMPORARY ART EVENING AUCTION TOTALS £17.6m / \$26.8m / €23.8m



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LONDON - 12 FEBRUARY 2015 - Phillips London February Contemporary Evening Auction totalled £17,689,250 / \$26,887,600 / €23,880,400 selling 93% by lot and 96% by value*.

“We are delighted to have established artist records for seminal works by Ai Weiwei and Mark Bradford. This is our first evening auction in recent years in London to sell over 90% by lot. Our new London headquarters at Berkeley Square allow us to showcase artworks in their most favourable light, and we are welcoming increasing numbers of international collectors and enthusiasts. Together with the efforts of our global team of specialists, this has encouraged vendors to entrust us with works of the highest quality. We took bids this evening from collectors in Europe, America, Asia and Africa, showing that we reach and attract collectors from around the world. We look forward to building on these results as we put together our next major Contemporary auctions which will take place in New York in May and London in June.” **Peter Sumner, Director, Head of Contemporary Art, London.**

Top Ten

- 8 **AI WEIWEI** *Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads* £2,882,500 / \$4,381,400 / €3,891,375
- 11 **MARK BRADFORD** *Biting the Book* £2,546,500 / \$3,870,680 / €3,437,775
- 13 **ANDY WARHOL** *Diamond Dust Shoes* £2,322,500 / \$3,530,200 / €3,135,375
- 9 **CHRISTOPHER WOOL** *Untitled* £1,426,500 / \$2,168,280 / €1,925,775
- 7 **TAUBA AUERBACH** *Untitled (Fold) X* £1,202,500 / \$1,827,800 / €1,623,375
- 21 **JULIE MEHRETU** *Invisible Sun (algorithm 2)* £902,500 / \$1,371,800 / €1,218,375
- 19 **ANSELM KIEFER** *Die Argonauten* £662,500 / \$1,007,000 / €894,375
- 10 **URS FISCHER** *Bad Timing, Lamb Chop!* £506,500 / \$769,880 / €683,775
- 6 **ALEX ISRAEL** *Sky Backdrop* £506,500 / \$769,880 / €683,775
- 25 **BARRY FLANAGAN** *Hare on Pyramid* £482,500 / \$733,400 / €651,375

Auction Records

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* Lot 12, the Anish Kapoor, sold privately during the sale immediately after it was offered on the rostrum.

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