

# CHRISTIE'S

## Important Russian Art

London, 24 November 2014, Sale 1571

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

240 lots sold  
421 lots offered

**Total: £20,177,425/\$31,597,848/€25,443,733**  
£1 = \$1.566 / £1 = €1.261

57 % sold by lot  
73 % sold by value

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Price Realised	Buyer
15	Valentin Serov (1865-1911) <i>Portrait of Maria Zetlin (1882-1976)</i> oil on canvas <b>WORLD RECORD PRICE FOR THE ARTIST AT AUCTION</b>	1,500,000-2,500,000	£9,266,500 \$14,511,339 €11,685,057	Anonymous
38	Yuri Annenkov (1889-1974) <i>Portrait of Aleksandr Tikhonov (1880-1956)</i> oil on canvas <b>WORLD RECORD PRICE FOR THE ARTIST AT AUCTION</b>	2,500,000-4,500,000	£4,002,500 \$6,267,915 €5,047,153	Russian Trade
215	A JEWELLED AND GUILLOCHÉ ENAMEL GOLD-MOUNTED ROCK CRYSTAL STUDY OF CORNFLOWER BY FABERGÉ, CIRCA 1900	200,000-300,000	£314,500 \$492,507 €386,585	Russian Private
39	Boris Grigoriev (1886-1939) <i>Portrait of the actor Nikolai Podgorny as Peter Trofimov in 'The Cherry Orchard' by Anton Chekov</i> , oil on canvas	250,000-350,000	£266,500 \$417,339 €336,056	Russian Trade
385	A RARE SOVIET PORCELAIN VASE BY THE STATE PORCELAIN FACTORY, ST PETERSBURG, 1929	35,000-45,000	£254,500 \$398,547 €320,926	Russian Trade
278	A LARGE PARCEL-GILT SILVER AND CLOISONNÉ ENAMEL ICON OF THE MANDYLION	180,000-240,000	£242,500 \$379,755 €305,793	Russian Private
417	A SILVER-GILT AND CLOISONNÉ ENAMEL COFFEE SERVICE MARKED K. FABERGÉ, MOSCOW, 1908-1917	50,000-70,000	£224,500 \$351,567 €283,094	American Trade
37	Boris Grigoriev (1886-1939) <i>Mon jardinière</i> , oil on canvas	180,000-220,000	£194,500 \$304,587 €245,265	Russian Trade
475	AN IMPORTANT SILVER-GILT IMPERIAL PRESENTATION KOVSH	70,000-90,000	£182,500 \$285,795 €230,133	Russian Trade
204	A RARE AND IMPORTANT SILVER-MOUNTED LÖTZ GLASS LAMP MARKED FABERGÉ, CIRCA 1901	40,000-60,000	£170,500 \$267,003 €215,001	American Trade

### Alexis Tiesenhausen, International Specialist and Head of the Russian Art Department, London:

We are thrilled that the undisputed masterpiece, Valentin Serov's *Portrait of Maria Zetlin*, sold for the extraordinary sum of £9.2 million, smashing the auction record for the artist and setting a new world record for the most expensive painting ever sold in a Russian art sale. *Portrait of Aleksandr Tikhonov* by Yuri Annenkov sold for an impressive £4 million, marking the third time that this exceptional portrait has made a world record for the artist at Christie's. We are now seeing Russian masterpieces achieving the prices they deserve on the international stage. The Russian Works of Art section, led by a Fabergé study of cornflower sold for £314,500, performed very well across all categories, demonstrating the maturity and resilience of this market. Rare items with exceptional provenance continue to generate competitive bidding internationally. This sale demonstrates a 22% increase on November 2013, which had achieved £16.8 million; we look forward to our next sale in June 2015.

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