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London, 2-3 June 2015, Sale 10397

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

281 lots sold Total: £4,203,588 / \$6,389,454 / €5,830,377 66% sold by lot
423 lots offered \$1.520 = £1 / €1.387 = £1 84% sold by value

Lot	Description	Estimate (£)	Price Realised	Buyer
273	An important Louis XV vari-colour gold-mounted and coloured shell boîte-a-miniatures, by Pierre-François Drais (fl. 1763-1788)	80,000 - 120,000	£242,500 \$368,600 €336,348	European Private
312	An important Louis XV gold snuff-box, by Jean-Baptiste Bertin (fl. 1740-1771)	80,000 - 120,000	£218,500 \$332,120 €303,060	European Private
28	A Meissen group of <i>The Hand Kiss</i> , circa 1737	15,000 - 20,000	£158,500 \$240,920 €219,840	Private
31	A Meissen group of <i>The Mockery Of Age</i> , circa 1740	20,000 - 40,000	£158,500 \$240,920 €219,840	Private
30	A Meissen group of <i>Harlequin and Columbine</i> , circa 1740	20,000 - 30,000	£146,500 \$222,680 €203,196	Private
251	An imperial French enamelled gold presentation snuff-box, by Étienne-Lucien Blerzy (fl. 1801-1808)	8,000 - 12,000	£110,500 \$167,960 €153,264	Private
89	A English delftware powdered manganese-ground royalist wine-bottle, I 1645, London	50,000 - 80,000	£96,100 \$146,072 €133,291	Private
38	A Meissen group of <i>Columbine And Scaramouche 'Die Hahnreigruppe'</i> , circa 1741-45	12,000 - 18,000	£92,500 \$140,600 €128,298	Private
64	A Meissen silver-gilt-mounted snuff-box, circa 1737	8,000 - 12,000	£92,500 \$140,600 €128,298	Private
305	An important Louis XV enamelled gold and hardstone snuff-box, by Pierre-François Drais (FL. 1763-1788)	40,000 - 60,000	£88,900 \$135,128 €123,304	European Trade

David McLachlan, Harry Williams-Bulkeley, Jo Langston, Dominic Simpson & Louise Phelps, commented: "The demand for gold boxes continues, with bidders competing from around the world and strong prices achieved across all categories of boxes. We were particularly pleased with the private collections from Belgium and Austria. The interest for Parisian boxes was evident with the box by Jean-Baptiste Bertin realising £218,500, an auction record for this goldsmith, and the two boxes by Pierre-François Drais achieving £88,900 and £242,500 respectively. European porcelain saw some spectacular prices for Meissen and British Delft. The French private collection attracted huge interest from international collectors, who competed vigorously to acquire animated and playful figure groups by the celebrated Meissen modeller J.J. Kändler. Important pieces of English Royalist delftware from The Birkett Collection also attracted keen competition from British and American private collectors. There were other good prices throughout the ceramics section including £75,000 for a Meissen snuff-box from Blair Castle. Further sale highlights included a portrait miniature of Dr Willis, doctor to King George III, which was bought by Historic Royal Palaces and will be displayed at Kew. An exceptionally rare portrait miniature by Pompeo Batoni realised £64,900 after fierce bidding between clients on the telephone and in the room. Finally the silver category saw strong results for the wide reaching Stern Collection, with collectors focusing on connoisseurship, rarity and fine condition. There were buyers from a broad range of countries and good prices for traditional domestic silver. We look forward to the next Centuries of Style sale in December 2015."

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