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CLASSIC WEEK

IN ONE WEEK, CHRISTIE'S PARIS TOTALS
16,8 M€ | 14,7 M£ | 18,2 M\$



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- **886 LOTS SOLD IN 7 SALES**
- **62% LOTS SOLD ABOVE HIGH ESTIMATE**
- **STRONG PARTICIPATION**
- **20% OF NEW BUYERS**

Paris - Christie's *Classic Week*, which ended on November 22, focused on art in all its forms, with a series of sales and a deliberately eclectic selection of remarkable pieces. The thread running through the week was the **Goût Rothschild**, with a selection of remarkable lots from the Rothschild family offered at various sales. Classic Week totals **€16,8 million**, with bidders and underbidders from **50 countries**.

The week kicked off with the **Old Masters** auction, where paintings, sculptures and drawings captivated collectors indoors on November 15, as well as online from November 2 to 17. These sales totaled **€2.4 million**. Among the highlights, a previously unseen painting by **Charles Antoine Coypel**, *Renaud abandoning Armide*, formerly owned by the Rothschild family, sold for **€352,800**. This piece was presented alongside a magnificent oil painting by **Jacob Levecq**, which fetched **€151,200**. Sculpture was also appreciated during this sale, notably the bronze *The Basuto Witness (L'Accusé)* by the renowned South African sculptor **Anton van Wouw**, which fetched **€20,240**.

The highlight of *Classic Week* was the **Derniers Souvenirs de Ferrières** collection from the Rothschilds' eponymous château, presented on November 16 and online from November 7 to 21 under the title **Greniers de Ferrières**. These sales, totaling **€4 million** and doubling their high estimate, were the highlights of the week. A miniature by Jean Decourt, depicting

Catherine de Médicis and her family, was acquired by the Musée Condé in Chantilly for **€22,680**. The major lot in the Derniers Souvenirs de Ferrières sale was a gouache enhanced with gold on vellum by **Noël Bellemare** and **Jean Clouet** depicting *François Ier, entouré de sa cour, reçoit un ouvrage de son auteur*, acquired for **€453,600**, ten times its initial estimate.

The Exceptional sale on November 21 sold an important pair of Louis XVI-period marble pedestals, adorned with sumptuous bronzes by **Pierre Gouthière**, from the Rothschild collection, for **€1.5 million** (estimate: **€300,000 - €500,000**). **A royal Louis XIV spruce**, exceeded its initial estimate tenfold, fetching a total of **€302,400**. Delivered for **Madame Elisabeth-Charlotte d'Orléans**, niece of Louis XIV, signed by **Jean-Baptiste Voboam**, it had been successively in the collections of Richard Peñard y Fernandez and then in the **Rothschild** family. The sale concluded with the sale of a **Chanel Haute couture** wedding dress signed by **Karl Lagerfeld**, presented at the Autumn-Winter 2014-2015 fashion show, which found a buyer for **€94,500**. The sale totaled **€5.3m**.

Christie's also presented the online sale of the **Bayreuth Collection: Gold Boxes**, following that of the silver collection sold in London in July. The first sale of its kind in Paris, it included such remarkable pieces as a *Louis XV period bonbonnière in gold and lacquer* by **Daniel Gouers** and a *Swiss snuffbox* in gold, enamel and micromosaic by **Jean-François Bautte**, both sold for **€81,900**. The sale totalled **€1.2m**.

The auction week closed on Wednesday with the sale of the **Livres rares et manuscrits, incluant une sélection de la bibliothèque de la famille Rothschild**, which was a great success, generating sales of **€3.8 million**, with **91%** of lots sold, **68%** above their high estimate. Two lots were pre-empted by the **Bibliothèque Universitaire de la Sorbonne: La Muse limonadière** de **Charlotte Reynier Bourette** (lot 39) at €2,394 and the manuscript *Abrégé d'Histoire universelle* by Comte **Henri de Boulainvilliers** at €2,520 (lot 151).

Among the outstanding lots offered for sale, the **Code Civil des Français** printed on vellum, from the personal library of Emperor Napoleon, in red morocco with his coat of arms and cabinet stamp, sold for **€88,200**, more than seven times the high estimate. Among the exceptional books presented at the sale, **Thomas Daniell's Oriental Scenery**, the most famous work on India from the personal collection of Baron James de Rothschild, in a first edition binding from the first half of the 19th century with the Rothschild family coat of arms, sold for **€604,800**, six times its estimate. The highlight of the sale was **Raymond Radiguet's** autograph manuscript, echoing the centenary of the writer's death, an extremely rare copy of the very first version of *Le Diable au Corps*, which sold for **€352,800**.



The Exceptional Sale

Paire de piédestaux d'époque Louis XVI
Bronzes par Pierre Gouthière, Marbre sculpté par
Jacques Adan d'après un dessin de Francois-Joseph
Belanger, Vers 1780
Estimate: €300,000-500,000
Sold: €1,492,000



Derniers souvenirs de Ferrières

Noël Bellemare (Anvers ?, Vers 1495-1546 Paris) Et
Jean Clouet (Tours, Vers 1515-1572 Paris)
François Ier, entouré de sa cour, reçoit un ouvrage
de son auteur
Estimate: €30,000 - 40,000
Sold: €453,600



The Exceptional Sale

Guitare royale d'époque Louis XIV
Signature de Jean-Baptiste Voboam, livrée pour
madame Elisabeth-Charlotte d'Orléans, datée
1692
Estimate: €20,000-40,000
Sold: €302,400



Livres rares et Manuscrits, incluant une sélection de la bibliothèque de la famille Rothschild

Thomas Daniell & William DANIELL,
Oriental Scenery. Londres : 1795-1808.

Estimate: €100,000 - 150,000
Sold: €604,800



Collection Bayreuth : Gold Boxes

Tabatière suisse en or, émail et micromosaïque

Estimate: €20,000 - 30,000
Sold: €81,900



The Exceptional Sale

Rare et importante robe de mariée en néoprène
brodée par Cécile Henri atelier, Chanel haute
couture automne hiver 2014-2015

Estimate: €50,000-70,000
Sold: €94,500



Livres rares et Manuscrits, incluant une sélection de la bibliothèque de la famille Rothschild

Raymond Radiguet, *Le Diable au Corps*. Manuscrit
autographe, non signé, daté « samedi 20 août 1921,
5 heures du soir ».

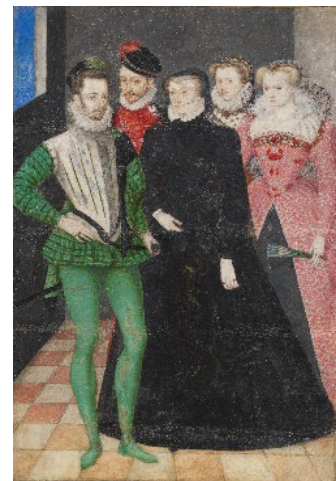
Estimate: €300,000 - 500,000
Sold: €352,800



Maîtres anciens

Charles-Antoine Coypel
Renaud abandonnant Armide

Estimate: €200,000-300,000
Sold: €352,800



Derniers souvenirs de Ferrières

Jean Decourt (Paris ? vers 1525-1584 paris)
Catherine de Médicis entourée de ses fils Charles
ix, Henryllli et de ses belles-filles Elisabeth
d'Autriche et Louise de Vaudémont

Estimate: €20,000 - 30,000
Pre-empted by Musée de Chantilly
Sold: €22,680



The Exceptional Sale

Chaise à la reine royale d'époque Louis XVI par Jean-
Baptiste Boulard, livrée en 1785 par Jean Hauré pour
le salon des jeux de Louis XVI à Versailles

Estimate: €30,000 - 50,000
Sold: €239,400



Derniers souvenirs de Ferrières

Paire d'appliques d'époque Louis XVI
dernier quart du XVIIIe siècle

Estimate: €6,000 - 10,000
Sold: €119,700



Livres rares et Manuscrits, incluant une sélection de la bibliothèque de la famille Rothschild

[Napoléon Bonaparte, Empereur Des Français
(1769-1821)] Et Joseph-Henri Flacon-Rochelle
(1781-1834) *Code Civil des Français*, mis en vers,
avec le texte en regard. Livre premier.

Estimate: €8,000 - 12,000
Sold: €88,200

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