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### MEDIA INFORMATION JUNE AUCTIONS 2022

#### Solid result at Kornfeld's June auctions

This year's Kornfeld Gallery auctions took place on 16 and 17 June, parallel to the ART Basel fair. The important works of art entrusted to us made it possible to achieve a solid result: all in all, just under CHF 60 million was realised on the two auction days.

The special auction "Marc Chagall - Forty Paintings" with forty works from the artist's estate again went very well; with subsequent sales immediately after the auction, it was possible to sell all the works, some lots far above the estimated prices.

A total of nine works exceeded the magic threshold of CHF 1 million. Swiss art occupies a special place among them: No less than three bronzes by Alberto Giacometti found a new place, led by "Grande femme assise" (the highest selling lot of the auction with a result of CHF 6,705,000). "Buste de femme aux bras croisés (Francine Torrent)" was particularly contested: it brought in a result of almost 2.5 million with an estimate of CHF 1.5 million. Cuno Amiet's iconic painting "Mutter und Kind auf blumenübersäter Wiese" from 1906 was outstanding. After a bidding war involving several participants, it finally doubled the previous world record price for Amiet with a result of CHF 3,830,000. The two landscapes by Ferdinand Hodler, "Bachbett bei Champéry" (just under 3.3 million) and "Der Brienzersee von Breitlauenen aus" (a good CHF 2.9 million), both achieved high prices. A private collection paid just under CHF 2.4 million for the large-format painting "Die Blumenterrasse im Wannseegarten nach Norden" by Max Liebermann. Fernand Léger's "Composition aux trois figures" from 1932 was acquired by an international collection for around 1.35 million.

The record price achieved last year for a work by Käthe Kollwitz (just under CHF 900,000) was markedly exceeded this year: A new record price of 1.3 million was set for the rare and important lithograph "Pietà" from 1903. Another world record price for a work on paper was achieved with a result of CHF 244,000 for the delicate gouache "Composition à danseurs - Composition with Dancers" by Sophie Taeuber-Arp.

(All results incl. Buyers Premium, without taxes)

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