

**PHILLIPS DE PURY & COMPANY'S SALE OF CONTEMPORARY CULTURE,
SATURDAY@PHILLIPS TO OFFER CONTEMPORARY ART, DESIGN, JEWELRY AND
PHOTOGRAPHS ON MARCH 14 IN LONDON**

**GERMAN ARTISTS, HERAKUT TO CREATE UNIQUE WORK TO BENEFIT THE CHARITY
WAR CHILD**

A LARGE SELECTION OF LOTS WILL BE OFFERED WITH NO RESERVE

**IMPORTANT WORKS BY CURRENT NEWSMAKING STREET ARTIST, SHEPARD
FAIREY TO BE OFFERED**

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London – **February 20**– Phillips de Pury & Company is pleased to announce the first of four yearly Saturday@Phillips sales to be held on March 14 at the company's London galleries. This highly anticipated sale will feature a mix of contemporary and urban art, design, photographs, jewelry, watches and toy art. A large selection of contemporary art and photographs in this sale will be offered with no reserve which means that no minimum sale price has been stipulated by the seller. Property offered with no reserve often creates a unique opportunity for buyers to acquire high-quality works at very reasonable prices.

HERAKUT

Herakut, the symbiosis of aliases Hera and Akut are an emerging German urban artist duo who is gaining rapid recognition over the last two years with successful shows from London to California. The artists paint in shifts each adding on to the other, Hera comes from a more traditional artistic background which she tries to break free from, and Akut is a self-taught graffiti artist. Typically street artists need to work quickly often using stencils and deliver messages full of bite to grab the eye of passerby; here Herakut work towards showing in gallery space which allows them to build on their canvas and elaborate deep social commentaries. At the sale's opening reception on March 10 Herakut will display four works on canvas showing the level of completion of a single piece. The artists will be in the gallery to discuss their work and present their unique piece *You Sure?* made especially to benefit the charity War Child. The piece provides a fantastic opportunity for the public to acquire a unique work of art while contributing to an important organization: War Child, an international charity that aims to protect children living in the world's most dangerous war zones.

"I am extremely grateful that Herakut have chosen to support War Child in this fantastic way. War Child has a strong history of support from the art world and we're pleased this can continue with such talented and original artists. The support of Saturday@Phillips for this project has also been outstanding. The auction on this piece will raise vital funds for our work with some of the most marginalized children affected by war".
Mark Waddington, CEO War Child

Herakut, *You Sure?* 2009, is estimated £3,000-4,000.

The sale will comprise a section of urban art with works by celebrated artists **Blek le Rat**, **Banksy**, **Paul Insect**, **Faile**, **Swoon**, **KAWS**. Highlights include **Faile's** *Forbidden Love* estimated £6,000-8,000; **Banksy**, *Soup Can (Yellow)* with a pre sale estimate of £4,000-6,000; and four prints by **Shepard Fairey** *Obey, 89, 95, 99, 04* estimated between £2,500-3,500.

Top-quality photographs and will be offered including works by Iranian artist **Abbas Kiarostami**, *Untitled #51* and *Untitled #29* both estimated £1,500-2,500; **Massimo Vitali**, *Marina Carrara di Torre Fiat #0151*, with a pre-sale estimate of £3,000-4,000; **Nan Goldin**, *Jessica and Simon making love*, estimated £4,000-6,000.

Design lots include **Ron Arad's** *Schizzo chair*, 1989, estimated £4,000-6,000 and excellent 20th Century gems such as **Charlotte Perriand's** *Bench* dated 1969 estimated £6,000-8,000; **Eero Saarinen's** highly collectible *Womb sofa* from 1970s with a pre-sale estimate of £2,000-3,000; **Gio Ponti's** pair of small benches estimated £3,000-5,000; **Ettore Sottsass's** *Teodora chair* estimated £2,000-3,000.

One of a kind **Erickson Beamon** jewelry will be offered with estimates ranging from £250 to £1,900. Partners Vicki Beamon and Karen Erickson have been at the forefront of the fashion industry and the eight pieces offered at this sale were inspired by the 2009 spring fashion collections. The Forest themed pieces have a safari, African tone using yellow gold and large stones in brown and khaki colors, while the Garden pieces are more ethereal in pastel hues.

The sale will also include cutting edge works to be offered with no reserve, an exceptional chance to purchase quality works at affordable prices. This section includes works by **Os Gemeos**, **Beth Campbell**, **Simon Evans**, **Lisa Kereszi**, **Tina Gillen**, **Diane Arbus**, **Chiho Aoshima**.

Iconic works by celebrated and news making street artist **Shepard Fairey** will also be offered and will provide the opportunity for collectors to participate in the current debate over the legitimacy of the street and urban art genres and the freedom of expression. **Shepard Fairey**, whom Banksy credits as a major influence, has been practicing graffiti art for over 20 years. His last poster campaign has recently broken into the mainstream media with his iconic portraits of Barack Obama emblazoned with the words "Hope". On the eve of his solo exhibition and retrospective, *Shepard Fairey: Supply and Demand*, at the ICA Boston recently, the artist was arrested by Boston police and charged with illegal tagging of private property. He is currently awaiting trial. On offer by the artist will be signed and limited edition print s: *Kiss*, 1999, estimated £700-800; *Giant Classic*, 1998 estimated £600-800; *Four Works: Obey '89, '95, '99 and '04* (from *Retro Series*), 2005, estimated £2,500-3,500 each signed and dated from an edition of 89; *Big Brother 2*, 2001, estimated £400-600.

AUCTION March 14, 12 pm

VIEWING March 10-12, 10 am – 6 pm

OPENING RECEPTION March 10, 6 – 8 pm

Registration for paddles and absentee bids can be done through the company's website or by calling Client Services on + 44 20 7318 4010

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War Child is an international charity, founded in 1993 in response to the conflict in the former Yugoslavia. A UN award winning charity, War Child works in the world's most dangerous war zones including Iraq,

Afghanistan, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. War Child aims to protect children who are hit hardest by war and its consequences including street children, child soldiers and children in prison.

Visit www.warchild.org.uk for further information

War Child is a UK registered charity number 1071659

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