

**PHILLIPS de PURY & COMPANY LONDON MARKET LEADERS IN PHOTOGRAPHS**

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London – Phillips de Pury & Company is proud to announce it has become the London market leader in the sale of Photographs following on from the success of the last auction in November 2011 which achieved £1,664,750; selling 74% by lot and 86% by value. The Phillips de Pury photographs department in London maintains its position as a leader across the European market.

Phillips de Pury's Photographs department consistently achieves top prices at auction with works by Photographers such as **Irving Penn**, **Peter Lindbergh**, **Vik Muniz** and **Hiroshi Sugimoto** doing so in its most recent sale in November 2011. The next London auction on 17 May will feature exciting and diverse property spanning most of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries and will continue to offer the best Photographs available on the market. Phillips de Pury will also host an event with award-winning photographer and film director, **Jim Lee** to coincide with the opening of the Photographs Exhibition ahead of the May auction.

"The sale results reflect the breadth of the exciting and weighty Photographic work that we strive to offer from both the vintage and contemporary market. Through the eclectic mix of the contents of the sale we support the growing interest and importance of Photography. At Phillips de Pury we have a unique asset in our boutique brand; museum class space and the freedom and creative vision to produce a catalogue that all our collectors want to keep." Lou Proud, Head of Photographs, London.

"It is very exciting to be working with the leading growing medium in the Contemporary Art market and to see Phillips de Pury being a major player in the field of Photography." Sebastien Montabonel, European Senior Specialist, Photographs.

Next Phillips de Pury Photographs Auctions:

April 2012 New York – 450 Park Ave

May 2012 London – Howick Place

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