

## Athletic Bidding Achieves Strong Results

FINE ASIAN, AUSTRALIAN & EUROPEAN ART, DECORATIVE  
ARTS & FURNITURE | 30 & 31 OCTOBER 2012 AUCTION



FLETCHER MARTIN 1904-1979, *AUSTRALIAN BEACH PATTERN* (AFTER CHARLES MEERE). SOLD FOR \$48,000 OCTOBER 2012

**STRONG RESULTS** were achieved at Sotheby's Australia's **Fine Asian, Australian & European Art, Decorative Arts & Furniture** auction held on **Tuesday, 30 October** and **Wednesday, 31 October 2012** in Melbourne. The two sessions **sold in total \$1,332,060 including buyer's premium (IBP) or 62.02% by volume and 93.62% by value.** The sale included many rare, important and culturally diverse items.

**A pair of doucai conical wine cups**, Qing Dynasty Kangxi period far exceeded the high estimate with a result of \$102,000 IBP against a pre-sale estimate of \$18,000-22,000 (lot 179). Another Asian item offered at the first session also performed well against estimates, selling for \$31,200 (**A doucai chrysanthemum 'roundels' dish**, mark and period of Youngzheng, estimate \$15,000-25,000, lot 116).

**Fletcher Martin's *Australian Beach Pattern*** painted after the famous painting in the collection of the Art Gallery of New South Wales by Charles Meere had spirited bidding from within the room and via the telephone, finally selling for \$48,000 IBP against the pre-sale estimate of \$20,000-30,000 (**Fletcher Martin 1904-1979, *Australian Beach Pattern* (after Charles Meere)**, lot 284, pictured previous).

'The past two evenings have witnessed impressive results across a diverse and significant collection of historical documents and culturally important decorative items' said Geoffrey Smith, Chairman of Sotheby's Australia. 'There is strong interest from private collectors, public institutions and dealers for items of quality design and craftsmanship.'

## AT A GLANCE

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926 HIGH STREET ARMADALE

TOTAL SALE INCLUDING BUYER'S PREMIUM \$1,332,060  
SOLD BY VOLUME 62.02%  
SOLD BY VALUE 93.62%

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