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Exceptional Result Achieved Consigned in Australia Sold in Hong Kong

Modern & Contemporary Asian Art Evening Sale | 2 October 2016



SHIY DE-JINN (XI DEJIN) 1923-1981, *Young Girl* 1960.
Estimate HKD \$1,200,000-2,000,000. Sold for HKD \$5,480,000 (AUD \$922,659) October 2016

An outstanding result of **HKD \$5,480,000** (AUD \$922,659) against an estimate of HKD \$1,200,000-2,000,000 (AUD \$202,000-337,000) was achieved at Sotheby's Hong Kong for a painting from a private Australian collection. Sotheby's Australia assessed the painting, consulted with their international colleagues, then consigned it to Sotheby's Hong Kong's October sale of *Modern & Contemporary Asian Art Evening Sale*.

'We are delighted with the outstanding result achieved for Shi y de Jinn's *Young Girl* 1960 through Sotheby's Hong Kong' said Geoffrey Smith, Chairman of Sotheby's Australia. 'It is through our close relationship with Sotheby's worldwide that we can achieve the highest possible results for our Australian clients.'

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This portrayal reflects Shiy's pursuit of gentle beauty and ease, which characterised his work ever since his time at the National School of Arts, Hangzhou. In this way, Shiy De-Jinn's portrait goes beyond the depiction of a person; it is densely atmospheric in a way that surpasses Chinese ink painting. While it reflects the artistic and societal context of the 1960s, the painting also exalts portraiture to a status that Chinese artists have rarely achieved.

AT A GLANCE

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oil on canvas

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**Estimates do not include buyer's premium and prices achieved include the hammer price plus buyer's premium.*

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