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Outstanding Result Consigned Australia – Sold New York

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A set of four 'famille-rose' Eight Immortals panels by Wang Qi (1884-1937). Sold for USD \$1,810,000 March 2015

An outstanding result of **USD \$1,810,000** was achieved at Sotheby's New York for **A set of four 'famille-rose' Eight Immortals panels by Wang Qi (1884-1937)** (estimate USD \$500,000-700,000, lot 295, pictured) consigned by an Australian resident. Sotheby's Australia assessed the panels and consulted with their international colleagues. With Sotheby's Australia's recommendation, Mrs Phynea Paroulakis of Sydney agreed to consign the panels to New York. The panels were acquired in 1973 from Eileen Kershaw Antiques, Hong Kong.

Each panel portrays two Immortals in a landscape, all painted in a refined palette, with an inscription in running script relating to the scene. Wang Qi a porcelain artist was a founding member of an eight member artist group called Yueman hui (Full Moon Society) which later became known as Zhushan Bayou (Eight Friends of Zhushan). Wang Qi's mature style can be traced to a trip made to Shanghai in 1916 where he saw an exhibition of works, including those by Huang Shen. The influence can be

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seen in these panels with the use of rapid and expressionistic brush strokes to create whimsical, exaggerated figures with sparse backgrounds juxtaposed with long calligraphic inscriptions.

‘We are delighted with the result achieved for Mrs Paroulakis through Sotheby’s New York’ said Geoffrey Smith, Chairman of Sotheby’s Australia. ‘It is through our close relationship with Sotheby’s worldwide that we can achieve outstanding results for our Australian clients.’

AT A GLANCE

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Property of Mrs Phynea Paroulakis, Sydney, Australia
A set of four ‘famille-rose’ Eight Immortals panels by Wang Qi (1884-1937)
Dated Gengwu year corresponding to 1930
Estimate USD \$500,000-700,000
Sold for USD \$1,810,000 including buyer’s premium

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

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