

Kandinsky's Dedication to Franz Marc Enthuses Bidders in Rare Book Auction

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- Dedication copy of the expressionist masterpiece
- Top price for a historic atlas from 1595
- Herbal causes fierce bidding
- Internet bidding and works from the Hermann Gerlinger Collection attract many new customers

Top 5

€ 112,000* Starting Price: € 90,000

Lot 22: Abraham Ortelius - Theatrum orbis terrarum, Antwerp, 1595

€ 75,000* Starting Price: € 28,000

Lot 57: Wassily Kandinsky - Klänge, Munich 1913

€ 72,500* Starting Price: € 20,000

Lot 51a: Gustav Klimt - Das Werk, Vienna 1918.

€ 62,500* Starting Price: € 30,000

Lot 2: Latin/French Book of Hours for the use of Paris, parchment manuscript, Paris/Rouen around 1500

€ 47,500* Starting Price: € 6,000

Lot 28: Leonhart Fuchs, Den Nieuwen Herbarius, Basel around 1545

* The result is the hammer price + premium



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With total proceeds of € 1.4 million, the Rare Books Auction at Ketterer Kunst in Hamburg on May 22, 2023 realized a very good result. In the Evening Sale alone, 85 % of the works on offer changed owners, in many cases with excellent price increases. Star of the evening was Wassily Kandinsky's "Klänge" one of the 20th century's great artist books inscribed with a personal dedication to Franz Marc. A copy of the famous atlas by Abraham Ortelius in a particularly beautiful old coloring fetched the auction's top price. It is not only a complete copy with all supplements and maps, but also from the last Latin edition published during Ortelius' lifetime.

A complete and well-preserved copy of the famous herbal by Leonhart Fuchs from 1545 in an old coloring saw a fierce bidding fight between book lovers in the saleroom, on the phones and online. The starting price of the first Dutch edition of this classic eventually soared to a five-fold.

The range of works from “The Artists of the Brücke – Hermann Gerlinger Collection” was also met with approval. More than 80 percent of the works on offer were sold, among them many with sharp increases.

Two other highlights were the two Latin and French books of hours from France made between 1470 and 1500, which were both knocked down for prices far beyond their respective starting price.

“This was a really vivid and dynamic auction again. *We realized proceeds ten percent above the result in the December auction. Bidders are looking for quality – as the prices we realized show,*” explains **Christoph Calaminus, auctioneer and head of the Rare Book Department at Ketterer Kunst in Hamburg**. “We owe an increasing share in the result to online bidders from Germany and abroad. *More than a third of all lots were sold online.*”

Remaining objects are available in the post auction sale until June 16.

More lots that fetched excellent results:

Lot 79

Friedensreich Hundertwasser

Nana Hyaka Mizu. Portfolio with 7 prints, 1966-1973.

€ 26,250* Starting Price: € 8,000

Lot 62

Herbert Bayer

10 Fotomontagen + 10 Fotoplastiken, 1968-1969.

€ 20,000* Starting Price: € 10,000

Lot 277

Hermann Max Pechstein (Hermann Gerlinger Collection)

Poster: Kunstaussstellung. III. Ausstellung Neue Secession, 1911.

€ 17.500* Starting Price: € 5.000

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UPCOMING DATES:

RARE BOOKS POST AUCTION SALE

until June 16, 2023 on ketterer-rarebooks.com

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June 10 Modern Art / Woodcuts from the Hermann Gerlinger Collection/
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Munich

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