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**Spectacular sale of legendary Rohde-Hinze Collection at Grisebach  
Top prices for Old Masters and Asian Art in Berlin**

The last important Old Masters collection from Berlin's 1920s was sold this past weekend in Berlin producing many spectacular results: The 384 works of art in the Rohde-Hinze Collection, presumed lost for decades, brought in a total of EUR 6,750,000,\* exceeding the pre-sale high estimate by EUR 2.5 million. It was the most successful auction of Grisebach's "ORANGERIE. Selected Objects" category. The auction sold 90% by lot – an outstanding result for a Decorative Arts and Old Masters sale.

Participants from Europe, the US and Asia engaged in long bidding wars to secure the works that were fresh to the market. Much sought after were important Italian and Dutch paintings together with rare Asian Art objects.

The top-selling lot was a "Waterfall" by Jacob van Ruisdael, bought by a German private collector for EUR 805,000 (estimate: EUR 180,000–240,000). The collection's founders would have been pleased: "Waterfall" was their first acquisition and last displayed in 1925 as part of the famous "Art From Private Collections" exhibition at the Berlin Academy of the Arts. The expressive head of an Apostle created by Anthony van Dyck sold for EUR 293,750, exceeding its estimate of EUR 60,000–80,000 by far. Like some other works in the three-auction sale, the estimate of Lavinia Fontana's portrait of a young boy of 1581 was increased tenfold. The rare painting sold for EUR 212,500.

Again and again the sale of decorative arts, that included singular porcelain from the Meissen and KPM manufactories, brought extreme increases, most significantly for the Asian Art objects. Two Buddha sculptures from the 18th century (combined estimate: EUR 30,000) were sold for a combined EUR 531,250 after fierce bidding between Chinese participants in the room and on the telephones.

Bernd Schultz, Partner: "It was a great pleasure and honor for us to research and sell the legendary Rohde-Hinze Collection in a spectacular auction. The result achieved on behalf of the estate is outstanding. Grisebach's mid-year revenue is EUR 33 million. We now look forward to our 250th auction in late November."

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\*all prices include buyer's premium