

A FRENCH AUCTION HOUSE IN LONDON!



Maître Nathalie Vermot



Camille Bürgi, expert

The auction house Europ Auction is holding a sale in London on the 5th and 6th May this year. Claridge's Hotel will host this prestigious sale, featuring almost 80 exceptional pieces estimated to achieve 8 million euros.

The sale will be conducted by the young auctioneer Nathalie Vermot. Revealing her great enthusiasm for this project, she explains: "London is a key location in the international art market. Along with New York and Paris, it forms the "Golden Triangle". She explains what prompted this choice: "Some of the lots for sale belong to French expatriates living in England, and so the British capital was the natural choice". Furthermore, following our successful sale in Geneva in 2010, we wanted a new challenge to continue the development of our young auction house. London very quickly became the obvious choice."

This sale will bring together a wonderful collection of furniture and objets d'art presented by expert Camille Bürgi. As a top specialist in this period, he explains: "18th century furniture is the best ambassador of France's fine taste. It exports very well both in terms of style and space. Great refinement is timeless and universal; it knows no frontiers. London and international buyers are well aware of this. I am hoping to find amongst our Anglo-Saxon friends those great collectors who have previously shown a keen interest in the 18th century." He adds shrewdly, "As clients from the dollar zone have moved away from this market, there will be some excellent opportunities."

Amongst the finest of the expected lots is this centre table stamped B.V.R.B, Bernard II Van Risen Burgh: highly sophisticated, it is decorated with a magnificent Japanese lacquer, gold on a black background, and comes from the Seigneury of Ivry sur Seine. There are pieces by the same cabinet-maker in the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Louvre, the J-P Getty Museum and even in Buckingham Palace. (Estimate: 500,000 / 600,000 euros).

There is also a distinguished name behind an exceptional Louis XV writing table (bureau plat) in ebonised wood, veneered with Louis XV Chinese lacquer, stamped Jacques DUBOIS. There are examples of this cabinet-maker's work in the Musée des Arts Décoratifs, the Musée du Louvre in Paris, the Wallace Collection and in Waddesdon Manor, London. (Estimate: 500,000 / 600,000 euros).



CENTRE TABLE stamped B.V.R.B



WRITING TABLE (BUREAU PLAT) stamped
JACOB. D.R. MESLEE

Pride of place in the Empire style goes to this important mahogany bureau plat. Stamped JACOB. D.R. MESLEE, this piece boasts a prestigious provenance as it comes from the collection of a descendant of Jerome and Victor Napoleon. Works from the Maison Jacob are found in the greatest public collections, notably the Château de Versailles, the Louvre and the Château de Compiègne, which has a desk in a very similar model. (Estimate: 500,000 / 600,000 euros).

Let us finally mention this superb Boulle marquetry bureau plat from the first half of the 19th century stamped BEFORT PERE, and, from the same cabinet-maker, this meuble à hauteur d'appui (side cabinet) in ebonised wood, with inlaid brass and Boulle marquetry, and a black Pyrenees marble top.

(Estimate: 120,000 / 150,000 euros and 120,000 and 150,000 euros).

Old and modern paintings, sculptures and tapestries will also feature in this sale.



WRITING TABLE (BUREAU PLAT) stamped
BEFORT PERE

Practical information

Closing date for consignments: 18 March 2011

Catalogue available on request from auction house and can be downloaded at:
www.europauction.com from mid-April 2011

Viewings

By appointment with specialist Camille Burgi

26 - 30 April between 10am and 7pm

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Public viewing at Claridge's Hotel

5 May from 11am to 8pm and from 10am to 3pm on the day of the sale
(Brook Street, Mayfair - London W1K 4HR - Tel: +44 (0)20 7629 8860)

Auction on Friday 6 May from 3pm

Online bidding

Possibility to bid online via Drouot Live and The Sale Room

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SIDE CABINET (MEUBLE A HAUTEUR D'APPUI)
stamped BEFORT PERE