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**SOTHEBY'S HONG KONG PRESENTS
ICONIC CONTEMPORARY CHINESE MASTERPIECES FROM
MOUTARDERIE NATIONALE:
*THE GILLION CROWET COLLECTION***



Liu Ye, *Smoke*, 2001-02, acrylic on canvas, 178 by 356.5 cm.

A Prestigious Collection of Contemporary Chinese Art
Assembled by the Visionary Baroness Gillion Crowet

Thirty Exemplary Works Offering a Comprehensive Survey of
Contemporary Chinese Art from the 1990s Onwards

- One of the Largest **Liu Ye** Paintings to Appear at Auction -
- Rare and Superlative Works by **Zhang Xiaogang**, **Yue Minjun** and more -

Hong Kong, 22 August 2019

This October, Sotheby's is proud to present *Moutarderie Nationale: The Gillion Crowet Collection*, which brings together iconic works by the foremost contemporary Chinese artists of our generation including **Zeng Fanzhi**, **Zhang Xiaogang**, **Liu Ye**, **Yue Minjun**, **Fang Lijun**, **Zhou Chunya** and **Wang Guangyi**. Assembled by the discerning vision of Baroness Gillion Crowet, the Collection features important and exemplary works that define contemporary Chinese art of the last two-and-a-half decades. The auction will present 30 masterworks estimated over HK\$73,000,000 / US\$9,000,000 on **6 October 2019** during Sotheby's Hong Kong Autumn Sale series.

The distinguished Gillion Crowet Collection, the brainchild of Baron and Baroness Gillion Crowet, dates back to the 1960s. After an official sovereign visit to China in 2004, the Baroness Gillion Crowet assembled highly representative works by the most influential contemporary Chinese artists from the 1990s to the present, documenting one of the most important chapters in Chinese art history amid a transformative socio-politico-cultural scene. For more than a decade, the collection was housed and exhibited in a historical building in Brussels called *La Moutarderie Nationale* – a former mustard factory which formed a distinctive setting for the assemblage.



Exemplary masterpieces include **Liu Ye's** *Smoke*, which is the counterpart of two other epochal crimson-hued canvases from 2001-2002, one of which resides in the esteemed M+ Sigg Collection and another in an eminent private collection after fetching the artist's auction record in 2013; **Zhang Xiaogang's** *Big Family No.16*, an uncommonly rare masterwork with a five-person composition from the artist's era-defining *Big Family* series; and **Yue Minjun's** *Kite*, an important early painting from the artist's acclaimed oeuvre of laughing figures.

"Belgian art collectors have always been very avant-garde in their choices. Since the second half of the 20th century, the distinguished Gillion Crowet family assembled first-rate collections of Art Nouveau, major works by Magritte, as well as an exceptional overview of Chinese contemporary art. We are pleased to present this selection of works that honours the visionary eye of its collectors."

Emmanuel Van de Putte, Managing Director, Brussels and Luxemburg, Sotheby's

"As one of the last distinguished private European collections of Chinese contemporary art, the Gillion Crowet Collection comprises definitive works by the most iconic artists, offering a concise and comprehensive overview of the top end of the genre. Sotheby's is honoured to be entrusted with the Collection, and thrilled to present to collectors a rare and exciting opportunity to acquire quality works from a market primed for future growth."

Yuki Terase, Head of Contemporary Art, Asia, Sotheby's

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Sale Highlights

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LIU YE, *SMOKE*, 2001-02,
acrylic on canvas, 178 by 356.5 cm.
Est: HK\$25,000,000 - 35,000,000 /
US\$3,190,000 - 4,470,000

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ZHOU CHUNYA, *GREEN DOG*, 1998,
oil on canvas, 150 by 120.5 cm.
Est: HK\$3,000,000 - 5,000,000 /
US\$383,000 - 640,000

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YUE MINJUN, *KITES*, 1993,
oil on canvas, 181 by 248 cm.
Est: HK\$5,000,000 - 7,000,000 /
US\$640,000 - 895,000

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ZENG FANZHI, *MASK SERIES NO.16*, 1997,
oil on canvas, 150 by 130 cm.
Est: HK\$6,000,000 - 8,000,000 /
US\$765,000 - 1,020,000

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ZENG FANZHI, *SCAPES*, 2005,
oil on canvas, 165.5 by 250.5 cm.
Est: HK\$5,000,000 - 7,000,000 /
US\$640,000 - 895,000

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ZHANG XIAOGANG, *BIG FAMILY NO.16 (FROM THE BLOODLINE SERIES)*, 1998,
oil on canvas, 200 by 250 cm.
Est: HK\$20,000,000 - 30,000,000 /
US\$2,550,000 - 3,830,000

NOTES TO EDITORS:**I) SOTHEBY'S HONG KONG AUTUMN SALES 2019 CALENDAR (*The schedule is subject to change*)**

Auctions	Category
4 Oct	Finest & Rarest Wines and Spirits Featuring Californian Wines From The Magnificent Cellar of Park B. Smith A Glorious Burgundy Collection
5 Oct	Modern Art Evening Sale Modern and Contemporary Southeast Asian Art Evening Sale The Distinguished Cellar of a Pioneering Collector
6 Oct	Modern Art Modern & Contemporary Southeast Asian Art Contemporary Art Evening Sale Moutarderie Nationale: The Gillion Crowet Collection Fine Classical Chinese Paintings
7 Oct	Contemporary Art Fine Chinese Paintings Magnificent Jewels and Jadeite
8 Oct	Important Chinese Art Important Watches

Selling Exhibitions	Category
10 Sep – 9 Oct	Hsiao Chin – Infinite Universe
3 – 7 Oct	Panorama: A New Perspective Old Masters / A Brush with Italy Barry Flanagan Selling Exhibition
3 – 8 Oct	Sotheby's Diamonds Sotheby's Wine Retail

HONG KONG EXHIBITION AND AUCTION VENUE

Hall 1, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (New Wing), 1 Expo Drive, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

II) CONTEMPORARY ART: ASIA TRAVELLING EXHIBITIONS CALENDAR

Date	City	Venue
4 – 5 Sep	Shanghai	Four Seasons Hotel
7 – 8 Sep	Beijing	Beijing Park Hyatt
17 – 18 Sep	Seoul	The Shilla
21 – 22 Sep	Taipei	Hua Nan Bank International Convention Center

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