

Heffel Presents Its March Canadian Post-War & Contemporary Online Sale

TORONTO, March 11, 2015 – Heffel Fine Art Auction House, reigning leader in Canadian art at auction, is delighted to showcase the recent collection of Canadian Post-War & Contemporary works in its March 2015 online auction. The 143 lots, by conservative estimate, are expected to achieve between \$400,000 and \$600,000. The online sale will close on March 26 on Heffel.com.

Led by a Sorel Etrog bronze sculpture, a quintessential serene canvas by Kazuo Nakamura and a photograph series by John Massey, the online sale will allow interested buyers and collectors from around the world a chance to acquire Canadian masterpieces on the resale market. With semi-annual Canadian Post-War & Contemporary online sales in the spring and fall, Heffel is developing and modernizing the Canadian contemporary art market.

Auction highlights include:

- A graduate from what is now the Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD), John Massey is known as one of our most outstanding Canadian contemporary artists. Five photographs from his celebrated series titled, [The Jack Photographs](#), are available as a group, leading the March sale (est. \$20,000 - 30,000).
- Sorel Etrog, renowned sculptor and member of the order of Canada has two works available for auction. [Odalisque](#), a stunning geometric bronze, sculpture takes a melodic form and is a standout in this sale (est. \$20,000 - 30,000).
- One of the founding members of the Painters Eleven, Kazuo Nakamura features in the sale with his [Untitled](#) 1974 oil on canvas (est. \$12,000 - 16,000). The work features a monochromatic palette, typical of the artist's most valuable works sold at auction.
- Jack Shadbolt shines in the March sale with four lots on offer, with a combined total estimate of \$21,500 - 28,500. This BC artist is sure to garner attention in this sale with [Organic](#), a stunning mixed media and collage work (est. \$8,000 - 10,000).
- Important Montreal artist, Betty Goodwin features in the sale with [Folded Shirt](#) (est. \$4,000 - 6,000). In 1968 Goodwin enrolled in a printmaking course at Concordia University and began working with various articles of clothing, from which she produced the piece on auction.
- One of the most interesting pieces in this sale is Ulysse Comtois' [Untitled](#) vibrant painted wood sculpture (est. \$3,000 - 5,000). His unique style was developed during his contact with two well-known artist groups; the Automatists and the Plasticiens.
- Joe Fafard's exceptional sculptures are continuously favourites at Heffel auctions. The Saskatchewan artist features in this sale with one of his iconic bronze horse sculptures, [Poulain Pool](#) (est. \$3,000 - 4,000).
- One of Canada's great living artists, Gordon Smith features prominently in this auction with four works, holding a combined estimate of \$15,500 - 21,000. Leading the lots is the acrylic on canvas, [Roots and Moss II](#) (est. \$8,000 - 10,000).

Heffel has modernized Canadian art auctions with the launch and continuous growth of online auctions on Heffel.com. Following a hugely successful February online auction, with a sale rate of 85%, the March online sale is sure to yield a similarly staggering rate and will attract exciting bidding from around the world.

Heffel's March 2015 online auction is **now open for bidding** and will begin to close on **Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 1:00 PM Pacific Time / 4:00 PM Eastern Time**. Three minute extensions will be added until no further bids are received on any lot.

For more details on the previews and online auction, and to access the online catalogue, please visit www.heffel.com.

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