

## Heffel's Successful January Auction Paves Way for Noteworthy Upcoming Sales

- February online auction, opening February 4, 2016 features more than 200 works by important Canadian artists
- Specialty sales include: **Works by David Blackwood**, **First Nations Art** and **Works from a Prominent Corporate Montreal Collection**, and two sessions of **Fine Canadian Art**
- Heffel's January online auction totalled nearly \$400,000 in art sales



Toronto, February 4, 2016 – On the heels of an outstanding 2015, Heffel, Canada's leader in art at auction, kicked off the new year with a successful January online auction, totalling more than \$390,000. With a 94% success rate, highlights from the auction included the sale of A.J. Casson's *Farm at Britt* for \$29,500 and Ted Harrison's *Red Sky* for \$44,250. The first session, *Images from the North: A Collection of Inuit Prints*, achieved a 100% success rate and included the rare Niviaxie *Family Caribou Hunting*, which sold for \$10,620.

"We're very excited about the success of our online auction platform and its continued growth," stated Lauren Kratzer, Director of Online Auctions for Heffel Fine Art Auction House. "January's auction started the year off strongly and the diversity of our upcoming sales opens the door for remote bidders from across the globe to compete for important works by internationally acclaimed artists."

Heffel is pleased to present its February 2016 online auction collection and to break ground for an important group of sales scheduled for this year. Including more than 200 works by

significant Canadian artists, the February online auction is sure to delight collectors. The sale opens today, Thursday, February 4, and is divided into three specialty sessions: Works by David Blackwood, First Nations Art and Works from a Prominent Corporate Montreal Collection, as well as two sessions of Fine Canadian Art.

Highlights from the current February online auction:

- The sale includes a specialty session made up of works by important Newfoundland artist, David Blackwood. Enthusiasts of the artist's work will be pleased with the highly sought after works on offer, spanning important stages of his artistic career, including the dramatic *Fire Down on the Labrador* (est. \$20,000 - 30,000) and *Wreck of the Nickerson* (est. \$10,000 - 12,000).
- Notable First Nations works of art are prominently featured in a dedicated session that includes paintings by Allen Sapp, Arthur Shilling and Benjamin Chee Chee. Also included in this session is an impressive selection of sculptures, including *Hunter*, a stone sculpture by Johnny Inukpuk (est. \$5,000 - 7,000) and two fine argillite sculptures by Rufus Moody.
- Works from a prominent corporate Montreal collection comprise the third specialty session. The 39 works on offer include outstanding landscapes by Stanley Cosgrove and René Richard.
- Additional Fine Canadian Art highlights are presented in the fourth and fifth sessions of the online sale. Collectors will find exceptional examples of work by Calgary's Ted Godwin, important Ontario-born sculptor William McElcheran, as well as contemporary Toronto artists, Malcolm Rains and Tony Scherman.

Heffel's February online auction will begin to close on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 11:00 AM Pacific Time / 2:00 PM Eastern Time. Three minute extensions will be added until no further bids are received on any lot. Telephone bidding is also available.

The March 2016 online auction will offer a broad selection of Canadian Post-War & Contemporary Art, catering to the market that is growing immensely both in Canada and internationally. There will be a special session dedicated to Painters Eleven which will feature important works by this group of artists, including Ray Mead, William Ronald, Harold Town and Walter Yarwood, among others.

To give interested buyers from across Canada an opportunity to view the collections in our current and upcoming auctions, works will be previewed in Heffel's Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal and Calgary galleries throughout the duration of the sales. For details on where specific works will be previewed and to access the online catalogues, please visit [www.heffel.com](http://www.heffel.com).

In addition to the impressive online auctions in place, Heffel is currently accepting consignments for its upcoming spring 2016 live auction, which will feature important works in two sessions; Post-War & Contemporary Art and Fine Canadian Art. The two-part sale is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 at the Vancouver Convention Centre. The consignment deadline for the spring live auction is February 29.

**Heffel's Upcoming 2016 Auction Schedule**

- *February 2016 Online Auction* - Fine Canadian Art / Works from a Prominent Corporate Montreal Collection / First Nations Art / Works by David Blackwood
- *March 2016 Online Auction* - Canadian Post-War & Contemporary Art / Abstraction in Canada: Works by Painters Eleven
- *April 2016 Online Auction* - International Art / International Graphics and Pop Art Prints / Canadian Landscapes: Works by the Group of Seven and their Contemporaries / In Focus: International Photography
- *April 2016 HO2 Online Auction* - Works from the Collection of BP Canada
- *May 2016 Online Auction* - Fine Canadian Art / Works by Walter J. Phillips
- *May 2016 Live Auction* (Vancouver) - Post-War & Contemporary Art / Fine Canadian Art
- *May 2016 HO2 Online Auction* - Works from the Collection of BP Canada
- *June 2016 Online Auction* - Folk Art featuring works by Maud Lewis
- *June 2016 HO2 Online Auction* - Works from the Collection of BP Canada
- *July 2016 Online Auction* - Prairie Modern

#### **About Heffel Fine Art Auction House**

Heffel has sold more Canadian art than any other auctioneer worldwide, approaching half a billion dollars in art sales since 1995. With offices in Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal, Ottawa and Calgary, Heffel has the most experienced team of fine art specialists in Canada and provides superior client service to both sellers and buyers internationally.

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