

## Heffel Springs Into Auction Season with Diverse Online Sales

- April online auction, opening April 7, 2016 features 107 works by important artists admired around the world
- Specialty sales include: International Art; In Focus: International Photography; International Graphics and Pop Art Prints; Canadian Landscapes: Works by the Group of Seven and their Contemporaries
- Successful first quarter sales results including January, February and March online auctions, totalling \$1,833,672



Toronto, April 6, 2016 – Heffel Fine Art Auction House, Canada's leader in art at auction, presents a diverse offering of works by some of the most recognized artists in Canada and around the world, as the second quarter of online auctions takes flight. Following successful first quarter results, including the most recent March online which surpassed presale estimates and totalled \$771,546, Heffel's April 2016 sale will offer a strong selection of works by important international artists as well as historical Canadian icons.

"We are thrilled with the results of Heffel's online auctions since the start of the new year and the enthusiasm from collectors near and far" comments Lauren Kratzer, Director of Online Auctions at Heffel. "We are confident this momentum will generate continued success in our second quarter and our highly-anticipated live auction this May."

On the heels of Heffel's hugely successful international sales in 2015, including the newly expanded Post-War & Contemporary session in the fall live auction, the April sale is sure to be another exciting milestone as 107 works of art from around the world hit the online auction block. The sale opens Thursday, April 7, and is divided into five specialty sessions: International Art – Highlights; In Focus: International Photography; International Graphics and Pop Art Prints; and International Art and Canadian Landscapes: Works by the Group of Seven and their Contemporaries.

Some of the most prominent figures in art history are included in the April specialty session of International Graphics and Pop Art Prints. Sought-after works by Pop Art icons are featured, including Andy Warhol's vibrant *Karen Kain* and Richard Hamilton's noteworthy *Toaster*. Rounding out the session are prints by renowned international artists, giving collectors the opportunity to bid on accessible works by Karel Appel, James Brown and Alex Katz, among others.

Highlights from the April online auction:

- Leading the April sale by estimate is an untitled work by Magbool Fida Husain, often referred to as the Picasso of India. The remarkable acrylic on canvas is a major highlight in the first session of International Art (est. \$70,000 - 90,000).
- British artist Dorothea Sharp is featured in the April sale with two works - the double-sided oil on canvas, *Cornish Coast / Cornish Rocks* and *Mother and Child*. *Cornish Coast / Cornish Rocks* offers two fine images, both of which showcase Sharp's most sought-after subject matter (est. \$40,000 - 60,000). *Mother and Child* is also on offer, tenderly depicting a mother holding her baby at a beach (est. \$30,000 - 40,000).
- The delicately portrayed *Kingfisher* by Adolf Dietrich is another international highlight in the sale. From one of the most important Swiss painters of the 20th century, this work is a fine example of Dietrich's ability to render his subject matter with impeccable precision and detail (est. \$40,000 - 60,000).
- New York street artist Richard Hambleton is from a group of artists that became widely known during the 1980s, alongside Keith Haring and Jean-Michel Basquiat. Referred to as The Godfather of Street Art, Hambleton's *Figure* is a highlight in this sale (est. \$15,000 - 25,000).
- Known to have produced some of the earliest works of Pop Art, Richard Hamilton shines with *Toaster*, an important work by this British artist (est. \$20,000 - 30,000).
- Robert Mapplethorpe's dramatic work *Thomas* is an exciting addition to the April sale (est. \$8,000 - 12,000). The J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art are currently partnering on a major retrospective entitled *Robert Mapplethorpe: The Perfect Medium*. The show will later travel to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the Art Gallery of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia.
- Included in the fifth session of works by the Group of Seven and their contemporaries are three fine sketches by A.Y. Jackson, each estimated to achieve between \$15,000 to \$20,000. *Gatineau Village*, *Notre Dame de la Salette, Que.* and *On Galbraiths Island* are sure to delight collectors.

April also marks the start of the second series of Heffel Online 2 (HO2) online auctions with works from the important collection of BP Canada in Calgary. The HO2 platform was developed specifically to provide customized service to corporate consignors in need of divesting large volume, modest value collections of artwork. The monthly online auctions will feature approximately 75 lots per sale and partial consignor proceeds will be donated to local charities. The April HO2 online auction is open for bidding and will close on April 20, and additional HO2 auctions will follow in May and June.

Following our current sale, the May online auction will run alongside our spring live auction previews and live auction. The sale will feature more than 180 important works of art, including high-value Fine Canadian Art and Canadian Post-War & Contemporary Art as well as a specialty session dedicated to works by W.J. Phillips. Artists to look out for in this exciting sale include Jean McEwen, Edward Burtynsky, Rita Letendre and members of the Group of Seven. Not to be missed, our June online auction will feature a specialty session of Folk Art, featuring works by Maud Lewis, who is the subject of an upcoming movie featuring Ethan Hawke.

Heffel's April online auction will open April 7, 2016 and will begin to close on Thursday, April 28, 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.

To give interested buyers from across Canada an opportunity to view the collections in our online 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 finalizing the catalogue 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 West.

#### **Heffel's Upcoming 2016 Auction Schedule**

- *April 2016 Online Auction* - International Art / In Focus: International Photography / International Graphics and Pop Art Prints / Canadian Landscapes: Works by the Group of Seven and their Contemporaries
- *April 2016 HO2 Online Auction* - Works from the Collection of BP Canada
- *May 2016 Online Auction* - Canadian Post-War & Contemporary Art / Fine Canadian Art / A Collection of 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 / A Collection of Toni Onley Prints: Sold to Benefit the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria
- *August 2016 Online Auction* - Personal Studies: A Collection of Drawings by William Goodridge Roberts

#### **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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