artnet Auctions presents the Fine Modern Art sale

artnet Auctions is pleased to offer a special sale of Fine Modern Art, including paintings, drawings, prints, and sculptures, featuring Crucifixion (1946), the striking painting by Milton Avery (American, 1885-1965).
the most interesting stylistic stage of his career. This work has an impressive exhibition history that includes the 1982 Avery retrospective at the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY. The work is Ex-Collection of the artist, the Milton Avery Estate, New York, and appears as illustrated plate number 147 in Robert Hobbs, Milton Avery, New York, 1990, p. 146–7.

One of the other major 20th century works in the auction is Portrait de Fautrier (Est. US$35,000–45,000), the amusing 1948 ink drawing by Jean Dubuffet (French, 1901–1985). This portrait of the French Tachist painter and sculptor Jean Fautrier (French, 1898–1964) is a study for Dubuffet’s larger oil on canvas of the same title. Its humanistic approach and denial of traditional standards of beauty are characteristic of Dubuffet’s work. The piece is registered in Volume III, page 93, entry 139 of the Catalogue des travaux de Jean Dubuffet by Max Loreau.

Also included in the Fine Modern Art sale is an impressive group of five watercolors by the Fauvist painter Raoul Dufy (French, 1877–1953). Among his works is the lovely Intérieur aux instruments de musique (c.1940, est. US$60,000–90,000). This work is an excellent example of Dufy’s unique stenographic style of quick applications of thin washes of color. These cheerful Modern Art works depict optimistic, fashionably decorative scenes of cultural events, floral still lifes, and lush interiors. Each of these five works is recorded in Fanny Guillou-Laffaille’s supplement catalogue raisonné of watercolors, gouaches, and pastels by Dufy; all the pieces come with corresponding registration numbers and certificates of authenticity issued by Guillou-Laffaille.


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