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Tag Sale: Graffiti and Street Art

Featuring works by Banksy, Shepard Fairey, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Keith Haring, and Futura 2000

Live sale on artnet Auctions from January 29 through February 5, 2013

Futura 2000
Blueboy, 2013
Aerosol on canvas
54 x 54 in.
137 x 137 cm.
Est. US$40,000–50,000

New York / Berlin, January 29, 2013—artnet Auctions is pleased to present Tag Sale: Graffiti and Street Art, a sale of over 50 works by iconic Graffiti and Street artists including Banksy, Shepard Fairey, Jean-Michel Basquiat, and Keith Haring, with estimates ranging from US$1,500 to 120,000. This sale is live on artnet Auctions from January 29 through February 5, 2013.

Included in the sale is Blueboy (2013), a major new painting by legendary Graffiti artist Futura 2000. Blueboy, which belongs to the Wrinkle Finish series that debuted in Future Shock, Futura’s monumental, one-man exhibition in New York in 2012, finds the artist taking new risks with his abstractions. The stark and powerful works of the Wrinkle Finish series are a departure from the
artist’s often frenetic, dense compositions, and signal maturation in his aesthetic. The measured, thoughtful abstractions in *Blueboy* play with viewers’ notions of texture, tactile forms, and negative space.

Another highlight of the *Graffiti and Street Art* sale is a selection of signed and authenticated works by world-renowned Street artist Banksy, including *Applause* (2006), *Toxic Mary* (2003), and *Barely Legal/LA Set* (2006), the remarkable six-print portfolio. These limited-edition works have estimates ranging from US$4,000 to 120,000.

Also featured in *Tag Sale: Graffiti and Street Art* is a diverse group of paintings by Richard Hambleton, including *Shadowman* (1986), estimated at US$8,000 to 10,000, which dates from the heyday of the New York Graffiti art scene. This work belongs to the iconic *Shadowman* series, for which Hambleton is best known. The black-splattered figures in this series adorned street corners and walls from Berlin to New York in the 1980s.

The sale will also feature three new works by the legendary Street artist Cope 2. *BANG BANG* (2012), *My Realm* (2012), and *Powerful Rage* (2012) have estimates ranging from US$2,500 to 5,500. These new paintings showcase Cope 2’s iconic Graffiti style integrated with his densely layered painting compositions.

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