New York / Berlin, October 3, 2013—artnet Auctions is pleased to announce the highly anticipated Skate 'N' Surf sale, which features over 100 skateboards by artists such as Andy Warhol, Damien Hirst, Jeff Koons, Takashi Murakami, Yoshitomo Nara, John Baldessari, Nate Lowman, Kaws, Shepard Fairey, and Robert Longo. Contemporary masterpieces by these artists are now presented as accessible decorative objects on skate decks and surfboards. The popular collectibles offered in this sale span many movements throughout art history, including Pop Art, Graffiti and Urban Art, and Asian Contemporary Art. When hung on the wall, these dazzling skate decks and surfboards are fantastic accents that can brighten an entire room, and can also make for an unforgettable gift.

The very nature of Pop Art lends itself to mass production; it’s no wonder that the re-appropriation of Pop images onto skateboards and surfboards has been received so enthusiastically by the public. The Andy Warhol (American, 1928–1987) skate decks have always been a favorite among collectors, and we are pleased to meet the growing demand by offering a variety of Warhol sets in this sale. The Alien Workshop set of 10 (estimated at US$3,000–5,000) includes some of Warhol’s best-known...
subjects, including Marilyn Monroe, the Campbell’s soup can, and Mao, among others. Additional Warhol sets featured in the sale include the Camouflage set of four (estimated at US$2,000–3,000), the Iconic set of four (estimated at US$1,000–2,000), and the Cow set of two (estimated at US$100–300). Works by other Pop artists are featured in the sale as well, such as the more recent Keith Haring (American, 1958–1990) set of 10 Supreme (estimated at US$1,000–2,000).

Skate decks by Jeff Koons (American, b.1955) and Damien Hirst (British, b.1965) are perfect for both the seasoned and beginner Contemporary Art collectors. Koons’ Monkey Train set of three (estimated at US$5,000–10,000) has performed the best out of the skate sets on the secondary market, repeatedly reaching bids over US$10,000 at auction. Hirst has not only produced two different sets of decks, but he also created a limited series of 40, in which he added drawings onto the printed images, making each one unique, and hand signing them. One of Hirst’s unique decks is being offered in this sale. On it, Hirst has hand drawn his famous shark, and signed the work in both black and white marker. The sale also includes other sets by Hirst, including the Spot set of five skate decks (estimated at US$5,000–7,000) and the Spin set of three (estimated at US$3,000–4,000).

Urban and Graffiti artists have also embraced the idea of producing skate decks, as it is an interesting mid-point between street works and gallery pieces. The low cost and ease of production speak to their general mindset of making art more accessible. Shepard Fairey’s most iconic image, his Hope portrait of President Obama, translates quite well onto a vertically displayed single deck (estimated at US$600–800). We are also offering Fairey’s Obey set of three decks (estimated at US$600–800). Another popular Urban Artist, D*Face (British, b.1978), created a set of three decks that directly correlate with the sport for which the decks are used—the decks are titled Brock, Ramondetta, Buseinitz after three well-known skateboarders (estimated at US$750–1,500). Also offered in the sale is a work by KAWS (American, b.1974), who made a double-sided skate deck for his limited-edition release in 2007 (estimated at US$1,000–1,500).

Other artists included in the sale are Takashi Murakami, Yoshitomo Nara, Ai Weiwei, Richard Prince, Nate Lowman, Marilyn Minter, George Condo, Nick Walker, MR, Zevs, and more.


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