artnet Auctions Holds First Joan Miró Sale

New York, August 31, 2017—artnet Auctions is pleased to announce its first sale dedicated entirely to the work of Joan Miró, a seminal figure in the avant-garde movement. *Joan Miró: Works on Paper* will feature eight unique drawings from a distinguished European collection, alongside a vibrant selection of printed editions. With estimates starting at $8,000, this sale offers collectors the chance to acquire works by a master of Modern Art at competitive price points. The auction will be open for bidding on August 31 and run through September 13.

The leading lot included in this sale is a signed, 1977 color crayon on sandpaper work titled *Personnage* (Est. $120,000–150,000 USD). This piece dates from one of the most prolific periods of the artist’s career and exemplifies Miró’s interest in Surrealism, which sought to liberate the creative potential of one’s unconscious mind through the use of childlike lines, organic shapes, and primary colors.

These surrealist tenants are also reflected in *Paysage* (Est. $28,000–35,000 USD) and *Femme, Oiseau* (Est. $35,000–45,000 USD), both of which are unique works also created in 1977. Inspired by the countryside around Miró’s family home in Catalonia, *Paysage* depicts landscape through absence, including only sparse gestural lines to indicate changes in terrain. Similarly, *Femme, Oiseau* teases us to read shapes as body parts, such as the eyes, head, and beak—they appear abstract while geometric black shapes create an avian figure.

Beyond these notable, unique works, the sale also includes several colorful prints dating from 1968–1981, including *Le Captive* (Est. $10,000–15,000 USD), *Quatre Colors Aparien el Món* (Est. $8,000–12,000 USD), and *L’Egyptienne* (Est. $12,000–18,000 USD).
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