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Robust Global Bidding Online Across All Fine Art & Decorative Art Categories

DuMouchelle's dramatically expands its online presence by ~75,000 visitors

DETROIT – DuMouchelle's May 15, 16 & 17 auctions were conducted completely on line and proved there's an uptick in demand for quality art by bidders from around the globe. In fact, the number of visitors to DuMouchelle's online auction sites **increased by nearly 75,000 since March 2020** and with strong sell-through rates and prices well above expectations, the competition for rare and iconic works across all categories was remarkably strong.

A virtual crowd of over 3,000 bidders competed for lots such as a 60 piece Royal Copenhagen 'Flora Danica' porcelain dinner service, selling for \$43,400 and a Le Pho (French-Vietnamese 1907-2001), oil on canvas, "Fleurs" that commanded global attention and hammered down at \$28,575. The Le Pho, in its original untouched condition, was purchased by Gertrude Knowles, a Chicago Icon, in 1973 from Findlay Galleries, Chicago. Mrs. Knowles was the Secretary-Treasurer and a Director of the Chicago Stadium Corp. as well as an official of the Chicago Blackhawks Hockey Team. She was the widow of Hector Knowles, Manager of Chuck Davey, Spider Webb, and other legendary boxers of the 1950's.

Bidding was spirited for a vintage Louis Vuitton courier trunk circa 1920, originally owned by Byron and Thelma C. Foy. Thelma was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Chrysler, of the Chrysler Motor Car Corporation. The trunk, with its interior roof lining crisscrossed with ecru ribbons embroidered "Louis Vuitton" closed at \$18,600.



In addition to the Le Pho, many oil on canvases reached top prices including: a circa 1920 Frank V. Dudley (American 1868-1957) "Winter Solitude" with a period wood frame and label from Chicago Galleries Associates fetched \$16,120; an 1843 William James Muller (British, 1812-45) "Afternoon In Lycia" reached \$13,970; and a Raphael Senet-Perez (Spain, 1856-1926), Cathedral of Santa Maria Della Salute, depicting Gondoliers and flower sellers on the Grand Canal from a London, Ontario estate sold for \$9,920. Additionally, a Hugo Lederer (German, 1871-1940), bronze sculpture of a fencer cast in Berlin by the Aktien-Gesellschaft Gladenbeck foundry hammered down above its high estimate at \$5,890. The foundry was one of the most important foundries in Germany, known for its high quality castings for many of the most notable German artists in the mid-to-late 19th century and early 20th century.

A collection of estate jewelry commanded top prices, including a 2 carat round diamond and 14kt white gold ring bringing \$10,320 and an elegant 18kt yellow gold French bracelet of a gazelle with sapphire eyes running up to \$6,200.

"We are very pleased with the results of our auctions as they exceeded expectations in every respect. The strength of online bidding around the world and the significant increase in new bidders across all our bidding platforms was wonderful to experience," said Joan D. Walker,

President of DuMouchelle Art Galleries. “We are particularly pleased with our newest online bidding option live.dumoart.com that offers our customers the opportunity to bid in the comfort of their homes at the same buyer’s premium as when they bid directly with DuMouchelles. We continue to be grateful to our employees, customers and partners who have been working hard to ensure we continue to conduct our auctions safely while also increasing our virtual audience globally.”

The catalogue for our next auctions, scheduled for June 27 and 28 will be available soon at www.dumoart.com. We encourage you to bid by phone, absentee or online at live.dumoart.com, Invaluable.com or LiveAuctioneers.com. For more information, visit www.dumoart.com.

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DuMouchelle Art Galleries is a fine art auction house, founded in 1927 and located in downtown Detroit, across from the landmark Renaissance Center. DuMouchelles attracts notable consignments and commands top prices in the international auction marketplace. Drawing on our nearly 100 years in business, our experts provide personalized service to individuals, families and estate settlement professionals to buy and sell fine objects from around the country.

Our auctions reach international audiences and showcase beautiful and rare items across many categories, including paintings, fine art glass, sculptures, porcelain, oriental rugs, other valuables and antiques.