



OstLicht Auctions Spring 2023

Record at OstLicht Auctions

At the start of Foto Wien, OstLicht Auctions can announce two highly successful auctions. In the OstLicht Photo Auction, two works by Ren Hang achieved sensational results. His well-known subject, in which a naked woman embraces a swan, fetched 60,000 Euros (starting price: 4,000), the highest price ever for one of his works at auction.

Chinese artist Ren Hang was featured in his first extensive show in Europe at Galerie OstLicht in 2015 and has since been considered one of the world's most sought-after contemporary photographers. He died in 2017 at the age of only 29, and the few prints he left behind have since been considered sought-after collector's items.

Another highlight of the auction was the bundle of more than a hundred iconic images from the legendary Magnum exhibition "In our Time". Many of the mostly hand-signed prints achieved top prices and went to collectors in the USA, Asia and Europe. At 18,000 Euros (starting price: 4,000), Josef Koudelka's 1973 photograph "France" was the most expensive Magnum subject.

Among the historical photographs, Anton Giulio Bragaglia's "Lo Schiaffo," Rome 1912, stood out. This important work of futuristic "Fotodinamismo" fetched 36,000 Euros (start price: 18,000).

With the first OstLicht Camera Auction, Peter Coeln successfully followed up on his former WestLicht Camera Auctions already on Thursday. The focus was on a large collection of a private lover of camera technology, lovingly and expertly assembled over decades. The auction achieved a sensational sales rate of 94 percent. The top lot was a Leica MP 6 Chrome Prototype Set, which sold for 120,000 Euros (starting price: 15,000).

The prices quoted are inclusive of premium and exclusive of taxes.

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