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Architectural Splendor Shines at Swann Galleries



19TH & 20TH CENTURY PRINTS & DRAWINGS

Sale 2485; September 20, 2018

New York – Swann Auction Galleries opened the fall season with a marathon sale of **19th & 20th Century Prints & Drawings**, earning more than \$2.4M. The **September 20** auction offered 600 examples of fine and museum-quality works to a flurry of online and phone bidders.

The top lot of the sale was a brown and black linoleum cut by Pablo Picasso titled *Grand nu Dansant*, 1962, which sold for \$70,000, an auction record for the print. Two other works by Picasso were top lots, including the etching *Taureau ailé contemplé par Quatre Enfants*, 1934, which sold for \$35,000, and a second color linoleum cut, titled *Mère, Danseur et Musicien*, 1959-60, which sold for \$30,000. Additionally, *La Folie*, 1958, a lithograph after the artist, sold for \$11,250, more than double the original estimate.

Other notable lots included Dante Gabriel Rossetti's *The Embrace*, a pencil drawing which sold for \$27,500, and a Henri Matisse drypoint titled *Mile Landsberg au viage rond*, 1914, selling for \$20,000.

Todd Weyman, Director of Prints & Drawings at Swann Galleries, noted of the auction, “collectors clearly have an appetite for American printmakers, as Architectural Splendor was a standout.”

The entire Architectural Splendor collection, which featured iconic views of New York, more than doubled its total estimate of \$40,000, bringing over \$80,000. The auction’s cover lot of John Taylor Arms’ etching, *Downtown, New York*, 1921, and John Marin’s etching of *Downtown, The El*, 1921 each doubled their original estimates selling for \$9,375 and \$8,750, respectively. Joseph Pennell’s *Brooklyn Bridge at Night*, 1922, exceeded expectations selling for \$7,250 after being originally estimated at \$1,800.

Several works by Edmund Blampied surpassed their predicted sales range: *Chrysanthemums*, 1930, which sold for \$5,750; *Anemones*, 1930, which sold for five times its original estimate with a price realized of \$10,625; and, *Bar Scene*, 1924, selling for \$30,000.

The next auction of **Prints & Drawings** at Swann Galleries, **Old Master Through Modern Prints**, is scheduled for November 1, 2018. Swann Galleries holds at least seven prints & drawings auctions each year and is currently accepting quality consignments for auctions in 2019.

Additional highlights can be found [here](#).

Caption:

[Lot 387](#): Pablo Picasso, *Grand nu Dansant*, linoleum cut, 1962. Sold September 20, 2018 for \$70,000.

[Lot 308](#): John Taylor Arms, *Downtown, New York*, aquatint and etching, 1921. Sold September 20, 2018 for \$9,275.

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