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PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF SALE 2419, JUNE 14, 2016:
THE ESTHER SALINAS COLLECTION OF FINE ILLUSTRATED & PLATE BOOKS

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ESTHER SALINAS COLLECTION: SZYK PROVES POPULAR IN ILLUSTRATED BOOKS AUCTION

Christine von der Linn, Swann Galleries' Art, Press & Illustrated Books Specialist said, "The beautiful assortment of sumptuously-illustrated books in the Salinas Collection attracted bidders from across America to the Middle East. Among the most contested lots was Milton's *Paradise Lost*, featuring John Martin's Romantic-era mezzotints with their dramatic battle between darkness and light. It rose to \$4,750, one of the highest prices achieved for the 1846 printing. Another great surprise was the exceedingly rare dust-jacketed copy of Al Hirschfeld's *Manhattan Oases: New York's 1932 Speak-Easies*, an intriguing text published in New York during Prohibition; it climbed to \$4,250, setting a record for the book."

The sale saw success for masters of English letters and arts such as William Blake, Lewis Carroll, Charles Kingsley, Sir Thomas Malory, Arthur Rackham and William Shakespeare. Malory's *Le Morte d'Arthur*, featuring bright illustrations by Scottish artist William Russell Flint, fared well, nearly doubling its high estimate at \$4,750.

Travel texts like David Roberts's *The Holy Land* and the works of Luigi Mayer continue to perform, with *The Holy Land* coming in as the top lot, while all three of the Mayer texts outpaced their high estimates. Religious texts were popular, with the detailed works of Arthur Szyk selling well, including his illustrated *Haggadah*, which exceeded its pre-sale estimate when it realized \$27,500. Illustrated versions of the Bible were also highly sought after.

Swann Galleries' next auction of Art, Press & Illustrated Books is scheduled for December 1, 2016. For more information, or to consign materials, contact specialist Christine von der Linn at cv@swanngalleries.com or via phone 212-254-4710, ext. 20.

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