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Sunday 12 and Monday 13 June Château d'Artigny in the Loire Valley

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Memorabilia of the American Revolution,

principally those handed down through the Rochambeau and Vergennes families.

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RESULTS

Between salerooms and museums, May has seen several purchases by institutions in the Tribal Art speciality. Also worth noting are the fine results obtained by Dadaists and Surrealists, like Man Ray and Toyen.





Huang Yong Ping, all the madness of the world. The Chinese-born conceptual artist, well-known for his monumental installations. takes over the nave of the Grand Palais in Paris with an outsize work linking East with West.





14 UPCOMING

This spring, sales are largely devoted to Asia, with a calendar dominated by the sale of the Portier collection, focused on Japan. Other highlights include the dispersion of the Sade family archives, and the ethnic art pieces and modern paintings of Jacqueline Loudmer.





EXHIBITION 78

Yan Pei-Ming: king in Rome. The Franco-Chinese painter is staging an impressive exhibition for the anniversary of the Villa Medici. A tour with the artist.



Dansaekhwa: temperate Matiérisme, madness in the auction room. For some time now, this Korean artistic movement that arose in the Seventies has been firmly back in the limelight – as proved by the figures . . .





82 ARCHITECTURE

Jean-Francois Miloun. The winner out of the 111 projects submitted in the 2008 competition for the design of the National Museum of Singapore, this impressive building was inaugurated only a few months ago. We talk to a French architect whose achievement is strangely little-known in France. . . .

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12 AND 13 JUNE

The Rouillac auction house has devised a two-day programme for its traditional "Garden Party" sale at the Château d'Artigny in the Loire Valley. On 12 and 13 June, it will be selling the contents of some important residences, ranging from jewellery to historical mementoes of the American War of Independence, which will end the bidding on Monday. Americans are sure to be interested in maps of New York and its surrounding fortifications in 1781, Portsmouth, and Boston harbour (each around €10,000). These are some of the last plans still owned by the descendants of the Comte de Rochambeau, the commander of the French expeditionary force and strategist of the victory at Yorktown, alongside Washington and La Fayette. A map of the 1782 siege is also up for sale (around €1,000). To the cry of "Libertas Americana", bidding should be at around €50,000 for America's most famous medal, designed by Benjamin

Franklin and engraved by Augustin Dupré, after a drawing by Antoine Gibelin. Represented as Minerva, the goddess of wisdom, France keeps the British Lion at bay with her shield, protecting the infant Hercules, personifying America's nascent power and already crushing a few serpents. We should not forget the 300odd lots preceding these historic pieces. The day before, famous artists like Alexandre Calder and Moïse Kisling will be celebrated - not to mention Francis Picabia, with works from the Thirties that have remained in the family of his friend Jean Martin-Roch. For example, you will need around €100,000 for the 1905 "Effets de soleil sur les bords de l'étang de Berre". Old Masters will be on the menu, naturally, with the 17th century represented by a "Still Life with Crabs and Shrimp" by Jan Davidsz de Heem (€40,000/60,000). There will also be a historicist ewer of 1859. The Sèvres Manufactory produced an







enamelled copper vessel featuring allegories of Day and Night, with gilt aluminium mounts, which joined the Empress Eugénie's collection at the Tuileries Palace the year after its creation (€50,000/80,000). As previously mentioned, various specialities will be in the limelight on Monday, when the bidding opens with Antiquities and Asian art. The star piece from Asia is a 16th century

gilt bronze Chinese Buddha in the lotus position (€80,000/100,000). Gustave Le Gray's seascapes will be the other attraction of the day. Immortalised in the spring of 1857, his "View of Mediterranean with Mount Agde" in the distance is particularly impressive, with its dramatic effects of light and Romantic atmosphere (€40,000/60,000).