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**THE LATEST EDITION OF *NOW!*
AN ONLINE AUCTION OF CONTEMPORARY ART, PHOTOGRAPHY,
DESIGN AND AFRICAN & OCEANIC PIECES TO OPEN IN MARCH**

**WITH ROCK & ROLL PHOTOGRAPHER CLAUDE GASSIAN
GIVEN CARTE BLANCHE TO CURATE THE EXHIBITION**



For the seventh edition of Sotheby's eclectic and much-anticipated *NOW!* online auction, photographer **Claude Gassian** take on the role of curator for the exhibition in Paris. One of the most talented portraitists working across international music scene, Gassian has devoted nearly five decades to capturing rock legends. Among the great names he has immortalised behind his

lens include James Brown, Mick Jagger, Bruce Springsteen, Patti Smith, Neil Young, Jack White, Miles Davis and Daft Punk.

This auction provides an opportunity to purchase his most iconic photographs, including those of **Keith Richards**, the legendary Rolling Stones guitarist (estimate: €3,000-€6,000, illustrated on page one), **Prince** (estimate: €3,000-€6,000) or **David Bowie** (estimate: €1,000-€2,000) from 1973 as his alter ego Ziggy Stardust.



Design

The Design selection will feature an array of designer seating, including a **‘Culbuto’ armchair and its ottoman**, designed in 1967 by **Marc Held** (estimate: €4,000-€6,000). This surprising rocking chair is attractive, entertaining and comfortable. It is one of the designer’s well-known pieces, and there are only a few still in existence.

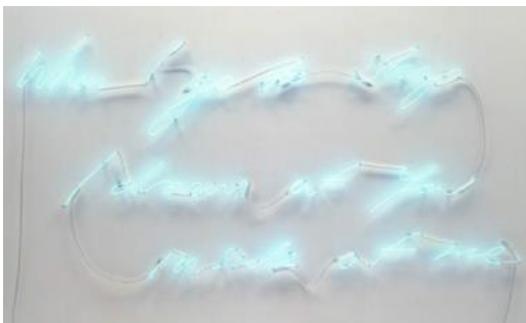


Preben Fabricius and Jørgen Kastholm, emblematic figures of Danish design, will be represented by a **pair of recliners** dating from around 1963 (estimate: €10,000-€80,000). Having studied in Copenhagen, the pair founded their own studio in the early 1960s, united in the same streamlined, minimalist design vision.

Among the highlights is also the **Djinn sofa** designed in 1965 by **Olivier Mourgue** (estimate: €1,000-€1,500). It should thrill cinema lovers, since pieces from this series – which embodies the very essence of futuristic design – were featured in the set decoration of Stanley Kubrick’s masterpiece *2001: A Space Odyssey*.



Contemporary Art



Among the prominent contemporary works available in this auction is **‘When I go to sleep I dream of you inside of me’** by **Tracy Emin**, 2003 (estimate: €50,000-€70,000). An icon of the Young British Artists, Emin used a wide range of media in her works, including the cinema, painting, embroidery, drawing, sculpture, and in this case neon, which she fashioned in the shape of her own handwriting.

Notable paintings include an oil on canvas, **'Sans Titre'**, by **Jean-Pierre Pincemin**, 1982 (estimate: **€35,000-€55,000**), and a watercolour **'Sans Titre'** by **Simon Hantai**, 1971 (estimate: **€30,000-€40,000**), adorned with the folding method that became emblematic of his works beginning in the 1960s.

Photography



In addition to Claude Gassian's photographs, this category includes a print of **Hiroshi Sugimoto's 'Hall of Thirty-three Bays'**, 1995 (estimate: **€10,000-€15,000**). During the summer of 1995, Sugimoto shot a remarkable series of 48 photographs at the great Buddhist temple Sanjūsangen-dō in Kyoto.

The building contains 1,001 nearly identical life-sized standing figures of the Bodhisattva Kannon that were sculpted by more than 70 artists in the 12th and 13th centuries. In this photograph, Sugimoto immortalised the serenity of these refined sculptures reflecting the morning sun. The auction offers a further work by **Sugimoto, 'Time Exposed'**, 1991, composed of 51 prints (estimate: **€15,000-€20,000**).

African and Oceanic Art

The selection of African and Oceanic art features a wide range of works from these continents, including a monumental **sculpture carved in a tree fern from the Vanuatu Archipelago** (estimation: **€8,000-€12,000**).

Another noteworthy piece is a **Baulé figure from Ivory Coast** that was part of the **Charles Ratton** collection (estimate: **€10,000-€15,000**).

Also prominent among the selection is a rare on the market **Maori architectural panel from New Zealand** that was part of the **Lucas Ratton** collection (estimate: **€20,000-€30,000**).



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