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CLOSING OF FIAC CELEBRATED THE URBAN ART FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH ARTCURIAL

THE BEAUTIFUL WINNERS

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Oliveux Arnaud, director of Artcurial Urban Art department, said: "The success of this sale confirms the choice of Artcurial consider urban art as a whole share of current contemporary art. Collectors came to discover Paris FIAC are not mistaken. They were likely to visit the exhibition. The high selectivity of the presented catalog and quality of works has attracted them"

-----The American graffiti history of the 70 and 80 knows a craze. Dondi White, one of these historical figures, whose Artcurial holds the world record for a work at auction, flies away. The drawing "Over all" drawing annotate Dominican" (lot 16) sold € 39,000, 10 times its estimate!-----

The must Banksy, whose works proposed two Artcurial sale, is still awaited. The work Love in the air (lot 22), the cover of the catalog, is carried away by a European collector for € 104,700 / \$ 115 170.

The contemporary urban scenes, led by Conor Harrington international artists (lot 32), KAWS (lot 21) show strong results. The American Retna (lot 59) reached € 47,700 / € 52,470, almost double the estimate, and French Rero (lot 60) € 20,800 / \$ 22,880 for an estimated 8,000 - € 12,000 .-----

Description of the photo : Batch 22: BANKSY, "Love is in the air", 2003 stencil and spray paint on cardboard, fees awarded € 104,700 / \$ 115 170 (estimated 80 000- €120 000).

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