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## **RAGO'S OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> C. DESIGN SALE TOPS \$5.6M. EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup> C. AT LEVELS NOT SEEN SINCE 2007**

**Lambertville, NJ** Rago Arts and Auction Center's 20<sup>th</sup> C. Design sale tops \$5.6 million, October 1-3, 2010.

- Bidders in-house: 165
- Bidders on phone: 335
- Bidders online: 782
- # of lots: 1380
- % sold: 80%

"This was a sale of headlines," said David Rago. "\$5.6 million in sales – our best results in three years...Early 20<sup>th</sup> C. at levels not seen since 2007.... Roycroft furniture and metal off the charts....Lalique and Tiffany through the roof, including a Tiffany fern bowl for \$25,620 that sold at a local auction for \$125 just two months ago....A 30-piece Tiffany Studios glass collection from a Florida retiree doubled its estimate....Modern was a bit uneven, with a sell-through rate of just under 80%, but still hammered at low estimate. Dunbar, Kagan, Evans and Powell were all strong, as was Paley, particularly the stunner of a necklace. Schreckengost's "Jazz" bowl, our cover lot, hit \$154,000 in spite of clearly stated condition issues. We already have in hand several important collections for the next 20<sup>th</sup> C. Design auction in February and we are ready to receive consignment inquiries."

### **Friday, October 1, 2010: Early 20<sup>th</sup> C. Design**

- Hammer: \$1,767,975
- Hammer + 22% bp = \$2,156,076
- Low Estimate: \$1,752,500
- High Estimate: \$2,450,900
- % lots sold: 82%
- 100% of Roycroft furniture and metalwork sold for a total of \$220,149 (against estimate: \$47,500-72,750)
- 13% of online bidders outside the U.S.: UK; Canada, Scandinavia, Europe, Asia, South America, Australia, Middle East.

#### Highlighted Lots:

1. 131 Arthur Hennessey Marblehead vase with blossoms \$134,200
2. 10 Dard Hunter for Roycroft copper and silver candelabrum \$51,850
3. 55 Roberta B. Kennon for Newcomb College tyge vessel \$42,700
4. 462 Louis Comfort Tiffany sketchbook \$42,700
5. 517 Tiffany Studios table lamp with daffodil shade \$41,480
6. 16 Dard Hunter for Roycroft leaded glass table lamp \$39,650
7. 209 Martin Brothers bird tobacco jar \$39,040
8. 211 Martin Brothers barrister bird tobacco jar, 1895 \$34,160
9. 210 Martin Brothers bird tobacco jar, 1896 \$30,500
10. 208 Martin Brothers bird tobacco jar, 1890 \$29,280



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#### Saturday, October 2 and Sunday, October 3, 2010: Mid C. Modern-21<sup>st</sup> C. Design

- Hammer: \$2,802,350
- Hammer + 22% bp: \$ 3,418,867
- Low estimate: \$3,009,150
- High estimate: \$4,244,710
- % lots sold: 80%
- 14% of bidders were outside the U.S.: UK; Canada, Scandinavia, Europe, Asia, South America, Middle East, Australia.

#### Highlighted Lots:

1. 869 Viktor Schreckengost for Cowan ceramic "Jazz" bowl \$158,600
2. 704 George Nakashima Conoid coffee table \$146,400
3. 809 T.H. Robjohn-Gibbings at Widdicomb Mesa table \$54,900
4. 698 Phil Powell oak and wenge sofa suite \$48,800
5. 1177 Albert Paley pedestal dining table \$34,160
6. 865 Waylande Gregory sculpture from NY World's Fair, "Earth" \$30,500
7. 866 Waylande Gregory sculpture from NY World's Fair, "Fire" \$30,500
8. 1171 Albert Paley cuttlefish necklace \$28,060
9. 1180 Sam Maloof walnut rocker \$26,840
10. 845 Karl Springer two freeform tables \$23,180



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**Consignments are now being accepted for the next 20<sup>th</sup> C. Design auction in February 2011 and all 2011 auctions: 609.397.9374 or [info@ragoarts.com](mailto:info@ragoarts.com).**

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