



With a Picasso drawing and a dedication

Another notable collection provided **“Toros y toreros”**, an illustrated edition published as an homage to bullfighting in 1961. The idea originated with **Pablo Picasso**, who was a passionate devotee of this Spanish tradition.

What makes our copy particularly special is the full-page, original color drawing executed with his characteristic light touch and spirited flair. The work bears Picasso's signature and a personal inscription to a friend from 1964

(Estimate: 15,000 euros).

Pablo Picasso

Torros y toreros. With original drawing by Picasso, 1961.

Lot 62, estimate: €15,000

Monument of Botany

An exceptionally sumptuous edition of the **“Hortus Eystettensis”** with 367 large-format copperplate engravings, with a price tag of 180,000 euros, is the highlight of the wide range of valuable books on offer. This second authorized edition from 1640 showcases native and exotic plants, some of which thrived in the famous Baroque garden of the Eichstätt bishop's residence and were magnificently documented at the suggestion of the Nuremberg pharmacist and curator of the garden. In 1633, this unique garden was destroyed during the Thirty Years' War.



Basilii Besler

Hortus Eystettensis. Eichstätt und Nürnberg 1640.

Publisher's binding, 1613-1640.

Lot 25, estimate: €180,000



Jan Huygen van Linschoten,

Navigatio ac itinerarium in orientalem. - Descriptio totius Guineae. 2 parts in 1 volume, 1599.

Lot 15, estimate: €80,000

A book that reorganized the world

Around 1600, a new era began. Sea voyages and the discoveries they brought about steadily expanded the limited view of the world. Travelogue descriptions of varying degrees of imagination appeared. But also highly informative reports and insights regarding lucrative trading partners. Jan Huyghen van Linschoten's **"Navigatio ac itinerarium in orientalem sive Lusitanorum Indiam..."** (estimate: 80,000 euros) is one such example. With his detailed information, he revealed the Portuguese's previously closely guarded nautical secrets and maritime trade routes to Asia, thereby breaking the Portuguese monopoly in the lucrative spice trade. This led to a redistribution of global trade and power structures, as well as the rise of the Dutch and English East India Companies.

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Auctions in Hamburg, Holstenwall 5, 20355 Hamburg

Monday, May 18, 2026

12:30 PM Day Sale

5:00 PM Evening Sale

Preview:

May 11–13, 2026, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

May 15, 2026 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

May 17, 2026 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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June 12, 2026 Evening Sale - Contemporary Art / Modern Art / 19th Century Art

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