

## Heffel Embarks on 2017 with Outstanding January Online Auction

- Heffel held the **highest grossing January online auction ever** in the company's auction history, totalling more than **\$800,000**
- The **February online auction** features **more than 140 works by important Canadian artists**, including a specialty session of ***Works by David Blackwood***
- Heffel is currently **accepting consignments** for its **Spring 2017 Live Auction** as well as upcoming **online international auctions**



Toronto, January 27, 2017 – Following a record-breaking year of online and live auctions, Heffel, Canada's art market leader, dove headfirst into 2017 with a remarkable January sale, totalling more than \$800,000. The noteworthy sale achieved an 87% success rate and drew bids from around the world. Specialty sessions in the auction included *Vibrant North: A Collection of Works by Ted Harrison*, *Works by Maud Lewis* and *Fine Canadian Art*. Works by both Ted Harrison and Maud Lewis achieved new artist records. Harrison's vibrant *Jeri's World* sold far above its presale estimate for \$58,250 (est. \$20,000 – 30,000) and Lewis's *Maple Syrup Gathering* reached an impressive \$22,500 (est. \$3,000 – 5,000).

"Our online auction platform continues to grow and garner international attention," stated Lauren Kratzer, Director of Online Auctions for Heffel Fine Art Auction House. "The year 2016 was one for the books with record results thanks to increased participation from around the world, and we are excited to kick off another series of important art sales for this year. It seemed only fitting to start 2017 with uplifting works by beloved artists Ted Harrison and Maud Lewis, and it was rewarding to see the market respond with such enthusiasm."

Heffel is thrilled to share news of significant auctions on the horizon, beginning with its February 2017 online auction. Opening next week, the February sale features an impressive catalogue of

more than 140 works of art. A specialty session of *Works by David Blackwood* is sure to draw collectors, along with *Fine Canadian Art* highlights by Sybil Andrews and members of the Group of Seven.

Post-War & Contemporary Art enthusiasts will be pleased with an extensive selection of works by important Canadian artists included in the March 2017 online auction. The sale will be divided into several specialty sessions and will include works by Gordon Smith, Jack Shadbolt, William Pehudoff and other important names.

### Highlights from the February and March online auctions:

- Works by master printmaker David Blackwood are prominently featured in a dedicated session in the February online auction, including a 1973 preliminary graphite study for *Vigil on Bragg's Island* (est. \$3,000 – 4,000).
- Three works by internationally renowned artist Sybil Andrew round out the outstanding selection of prints on offer in the February sale. Her 1934 linocut *Fall of the Leaf* is estimated to achieve between \$20,000 and \$30,000.
- Works by members of the Group of Seven are also included in the February sale, including *Barry's Bay* by A.Y. Jackson (est. \$14,000 – 18,000) and *Woodbridge* by A.J. Casson (est. \$3,500 – 5,500).
- Three works by Joshim Kakegamic are among the highlights in the February auction. Consignor proceeds will benefit the construction of the Nippissing Serenity Hospital.
- Featured in the 1985 *Young Romantics* exhibition at the Vancouver Art Gallery, a show that gained international attention, the large quadriptych *Easter* by Attila Richard Lukacs will be included in the March online auction (est. \$25,000 – 35,000).
- Continuing Heffel's work with important estates, the March sale will feature speciality sessions from the John Snow Estate and the Estate and Family of Arthur Erickson.
- Important British Columbia artists are featured in the March online auction. Highlights include a stunning *Untitled* abstract canvas by Gordon Smith (est. \$25,000 – 35,000) and a spectacular 1978 Jack Shadbolt diptych, *Bamian Memory* (est. \$20,000 – 30,000).
- Two vibrant works by important contemporary artist William Pehudoff will be featured in the March sale. *AC-78-50* and *Okema #1* are each estimated to achieve between \$18,000 and \$24,000.

Heffel's February online auction opens for bidding on February 2, 2017 and will close on Thursday, February 23, 2017.

To give interested buyers from across Canada an opportunity to view the collections in Heffel's current and upcoming auctions, works will be previewed in Heffel's Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal galleries throughout the duration of the sales. For details on where specific works will be previewed and to access the online catalogues, please visit [www.heffel.com](http://www.heffel.com).

Heffel is currently accepting consignments for its upcoming spring 2017 live auction of *Post-War & Contemporary Art* and *Fine Canadian Art*. The sale is inclusive of international works of art. The two-part sale is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24 at the historic Design Exchange in Toronto. The consignment deadline for the spring live auction is February 28. Heffel is also accepting consignments for the upcoming April online auction featuring *International Art* and *International Graphics and Pop Art Prints*.

## **Heffel's Upcoming Auction Schedule**

- *February 2017 Online Auction* - David Blackwood / Fine Canadian Art
- *March 2017 Online Auction* – John Snow: Fifteen Prints / Canadian Post-War & Contemporary Art
- *April 2017 Online Auction* - International Art / International Graphics and Pop Art Prints / Works by the Group of Seven and their Contemporaries
- *May 2017 Online Auction* - Fine Canadian Art / Canadian Post-War & Contemporary Art
- *May 2017 Live Auction (Toronto)* - Post-War & Contemporary Art / Fine Canadian Art
- *June 2017 Online Auction* - First Nations and Inuit Art / Fine Canadian Art
- *July 2017 Online Auction* - Oh Canada! / Fine Canadian Art

## **About Heffel Fine Art Auction House**

Heffel has sold more Canadian art than any other auctioneer worldwide, with sales totaling more than half a billion dollars since 1978. With offices in Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal, Ottawa and Calgary, Heffel has the most experienced team of fine art specialists in Canada and provides superior client service to both sellers and buyers internationally.

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