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[\\$2.3m Serra sold in New York](#)



The sculpture 'Psalms' by American artist Richard Serra was the highest-selling work at the first part of Philips de Pury's November contemporary art sale in New York. The price achieved, \$2,322,500, was a little below the \$2.5m - 3.0m estimate yet still fittingly 'colossal' for the artist's typically multi-tonne works.

The piece was bought by veteran gallery owner Larry Gagosian who commented to the New York Times that, "It was a good buy. Outdoor pieces [by Serra] are hard to find."

This result places Serra among the top ten highest selling pieces in the sale. These included: Cy Twombly ('Untitled', \$9,042,500); Andy Warhol ('Nine Gold Marylins', \$7,922); Richard Prince ('Runaway Nurse', \$6,802,500); Alexander Calder ('Trepied', \$5,682,500); Andy Warhol ('Self Portrait', \$4,002,500); Willem de Kooning ('Untitled XVIII', \$3,442,500) and Andy Warhol ('Knives', \$3,442,500).

At a charity auction held during the gala dinner, a total of \$2,682,000 was raised for the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation.

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