

COMUNICATO STAMPA

SFIORA IL SOLD OUT LA VENDITA DI LIBRI, MANOSCRITTI E AUTOGRAFI



"At St. Valentine, the love for books triumphed!" These are the words of **Chiara Nicolini**, Head of the Department of **Books, Manuscripts and Autographs** at **Pandolfini**, after the extraordinary success of the auction of 14 February.

Very high the percentage of lots sold: it has almost reached 90%, with bids that have often doubled and tripled the starting prices.

Big boom in the sales of **medieval manuscripts**: estimated at between 5 and 6,000 euro each, they all reached considerably higher figures after long and hard-fought biddings. The **Regola delle Monache** (lot 1) changed hands for **15,000 euros**; the **Fiorita italica** (lot 2) and the **Confessionale** (lot 3) have entered new collections for **13,750 euros each**; the **Copialettere** by **Giacomo da Livorno** (lot 4), from a starting price of 1,000 / 1,200 euros, sold for **15,000 euros**.

The top lot of the auction, the splendid **Renaissance Atlas** of **Ortelius** (lot 65), valued at 20,000 / 25,000 euros, after a fierce battle on the phones, reached the sum of **37,500 euros**.

Excellent results also for the first edition of **Diderot's Encyclopédie** (lot 94), which sold for **20.625 euros**, and for the **Chef-D'Oeuvre Inconnu** (lot 140) illustrated by **Picasso**, which sold for **15,000 euros**.

Without forgetting the **success of the autographs**, what had a great impact was the careful selection and evaluation of works from the 15th to the 20th century and, as usual, their very accurate presentation.



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