

YEAR IN REVIEW: ASIAN

2014 was a very good year for Asian items, especially those originating from China. Record prices were routinely broken, and then broken again throughout the year. Here are a couple highlights...

Skinner >

Coming as a surprise to many, this monumental Qing vase sold for a record price of \$24.7 million at Skinner.





I.M. Chait >

Boosting Asia Week's strong results was this Fifteenth Century early Ming dynasty gilt bronze Bodhisattva, Xuande mark and period, selling at I.M. Chait in Beverly Hills for \$350,000.

Sotheby's >

Fetching \$4,197,000 at Sotheby's Asian auctions was this rare molded blue and white barbed rim dish from the Yuan dynasty, Fourteenth Century. The Asian auctions grossed \$56.1 million.



Christie's > Christie's posted a \$72 million total for its March Asian auctions. A highlight was this gilt-bronze seated figure of the Medicine Buddha, Bhaishajyaguru, China, Ming dynasty. With a Yongle six-character mark inscribed in a line and of the period (1403-1425), it was bid to \$5,541,000.



Lark Mason Assoc. >

One of the highest prices ever achieved in an online auction — \$4.1 million — was achieved by this rare Eighteenth Century Chinese hand scroll sold in New York City by Lark Mason Associates.



Leslie Hindman >

The Chinese bronze ritual gong vessel was in the form of a beast and featured a fitted cover depicting the animal's scrolled horns above protruding eyes. It brought an eye-opening \$722,500 at Leslie Hindman's auction in June.

Roland >

Asian art brought premium prices at Roland in June, with this bronze seated Buddha in the Abhaya Mudra position (hand up) coming to rest at \$360,000.



Michaan's >

Huanghuali furniture elicited keen interest at Michaan's June auction, where these horseshoe-back armchairs and side table commanded double the presale estimates at \$100,300.





< Brunk

Brunk Auctions realized \$1.4 million on this Chinese table screen, Qianlong period that sold well above its conservative \$8/12,000 estimate.



< Clar's

Due to aggressive global bidding, this Chinese gilt bronze triple fusee eight bell musical automaton bracket clock soared past Clar's presale estimates to sell at \$130,900.

Litchfield >

Chinese porcelain bottle shaped vase with red dragons and blue clouds sold at Litchfield County Auctions for \$137,610.

