

Felzmann Auction House, Review 167<sup>th</sup> Auction, Numismatics, November 12-13, 2019

## Superb Results at Felzmann in Dusseldorf

**On November 12 and 13, 2019, collectors of numismatic rarities witnessed a truly golden autumn: the Felzmann auction house achieved impressive price increases in its 167<sup>th</sup> auction. An exquisite assemblage of banknotes realized the highest single hammer price.**

The renowned Felzmann auction house invited to participate in its autumn auction in Dusseldorf on November 12 and 13, 2019. The auction featured an attractive assemblage of coins, medals, and banknotes. The focus was on Indian bronze, silver and gold denominations starting with the Kushan period and silver coins from antiquity in rare conditions. Collectors from both Germany and abroad had eagerly awaited the sale. And so it was hardly surprising that the many bidders in the hall, on the phone and over the Internet regularly engaged in fierce bidding fights.

As expected, numerous pieces made the hammer fall only at a multiple of the original estimate. Special mentioning deserves lot 12, a rare and particularly well preserved drachm from Larissa in Thessaly with a depiction of the eponymous hero Thessalos. Estimated at a moderate 200 euros, it realized 3,200 euros in the end. With a factor of 16, this was this auction's second largest increase. 'Only' 15 times its estimate achieved an interesting recut bronze on Allectus from the 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D. with an erased reverse (lot 124, estimate: 50 euros, hammer price: 750 euros). These results make it clear that the greatest price increases are generated by those pieces that are outstanding in their rarity, condition, and history. This also holds true for the engraved medal in commemoration of the death of Petrus van Breen in Utrecht on February 17, 1709, which sold for 1,100 euros on an estimate of 150 euros (lot 737).

Splendid results were of course also obtained in all other collecting areas at Felzmann. A case in point is the medal of the Ethiopian empress Zauditu produced in Addis Ababa in 1928. Already mentioned in the auction preview, it changed hands for 4,200 euros (lot 1196, estimate: 3,000 euros). China also recorded similarly good results. One of the highlights of this numismatic auction, lot 1217, a copper pattern of 10 cents n. d. (1911-1915) from the province of Yunnan with a marvelous patina (estimate: 2,200 euros) sold for 10,000 euros which marked the third highest single price. The 10 yuan piece from 1997 with the depiction of Genghis Khan was also not available for the estimated 1,000 euros (lot 1281): The hammer only fell at 3,880 euros.

This time, the highest hammer price for a single lot was not achieved by a coin or medal: For a selection of nearly 190 banknotes, including 1,000 korun 1944, p. 15 A from February 24, 1944, imperforate (lot 1601, estimate: 1,000 euros), the bids came in at such a speed that it became difficult for the auctioneer to follow. Who turned out lucky became clear only at 14,000 euros.

To conclude this review, a result of a very special consignment should not go unmentioned. Nicknamed 'Brachialgewalt' (brute force), 5 tons of numismatic material formed the basis for 60 lots (#1914-1973) with a total estimate of 8,400 euros. The impressive assemblage of one single collector doubled its estimate when it sold for a total hammer price of 15,795 euros.

So, there can be no doubt that keeping an eye on the big numismatic rarities is rewarding – paying attention to the individual collections to be liquidated, however, often is, too.

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## Autumn Auction – Selected Top Results

Lot 12: Antiquity, Greeks. Thessaly, Larissa. AR drachm, ca. 400-350 B.C. 6.15 g. Very rare in this condition. Estimate: 200 euros, hammer price: 3,200 euros

Lot 124: Antiquity, Romans. Empire, Allectus, 293-296. AE 5.94 g. Recut bronze on Allectus, middle of 4<sup>th</sup> cent. A.D., rev. erased. Estimate: 50 euros, hammer price: 750 euros

Lot 737: Europe until 1799, Netherlands. Utrecht, 1709. 48.44 g. Engraved medal on the death of Petrus van Breen in Utrecht on February 17, 1709. Estimate: 150 euros, hammer price: 1,100 euros

Lot 1196: Ethiopia. Empress Zauditu, 1916-1930. Addis Ababa, 1928. 21.71 g. Estimate: 3,000 euros, hammer price: 4,200 euros

Lot 1217: China, Empire. Copper pattern 10 cents, n. d. (1911-1915), Yunnan. 2.15 g. Very rare. Estimate: 2,200 euros, hammer price: 10,000 euros

Lot 1281: China, People's Republic. 10 yuan 1997. Chinese Culture – 2nd issue, Genghis Khan. With capsule, certificate no. 1564, and CoA. Rare. Estimate: 1,000 euros, hammer price: 3,880 euros

Lot 1601: Germany, German occupation in WWII. Bohemia and Moravia. 1,000 korun 1944. S. 15 A from February 24, 1944, imperforate, ca. 190 bills. Estimate: 1,000 euros, hammer price: 14,000 euros

Lot 1914-1973: Estates and collections to be liquidated, 'Buttstädter Brachialgewalt', part II. Total estimate: 8,400 euros, total hammer price: 15,795 euros