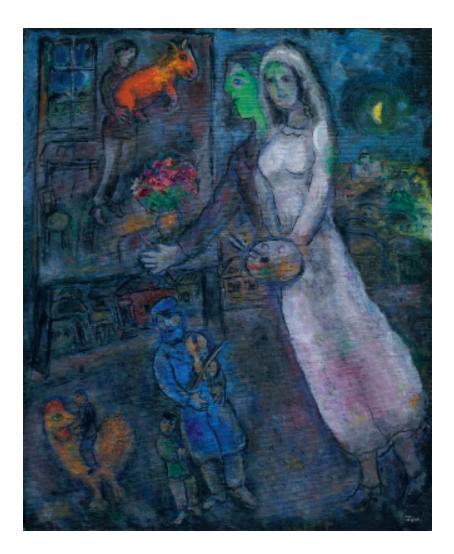


MARC CHAGALL, COLOUR OF LIFE: WORKS FORMERLY FROM THE ARTIST'S ESTATE

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Front Cover: Lot 8, Marc Chagall, Le

peintre, la mariée et son tableau ou Couple et Violoniste, circa 1970-1975

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'In our life there is a single colour, as on an artist's palette, which provides the meaning of life and art. It is the colour of love'

- Marc Chagall

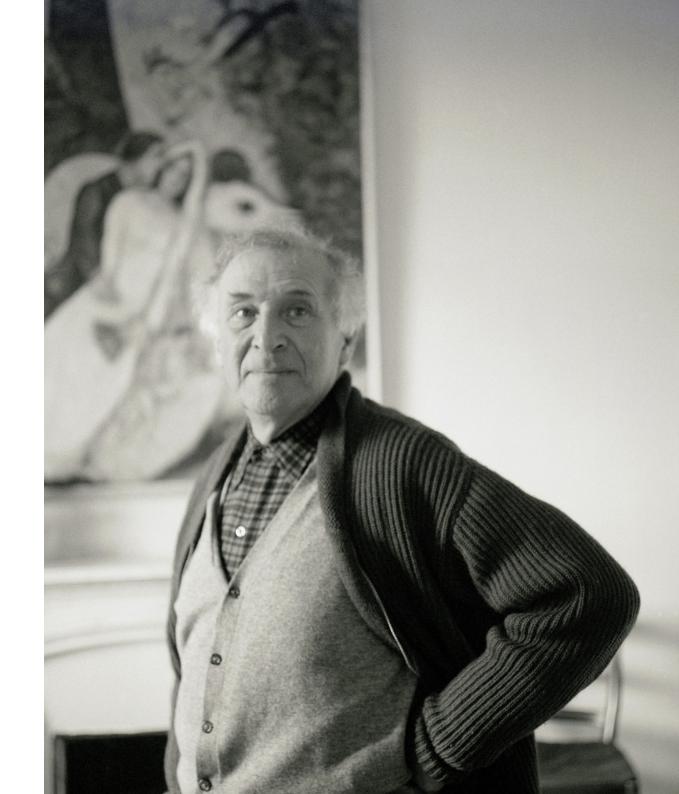
Marc Chagall, Colour of Life: Works Formerly from the Artist's Estate is a dedicated sale celebrating the enchanting work of Marc Chagall. There are few 20th Century artists who combined such a sensuous enjoyment of painting with such a singular vision and freedom of imagination. Over the course of his career, Chagall forged a bold path within modern art, conjuring fantastical, dream-like scenes, rooted in his own personal life and rich memories filtered through a highly idiosyncratic painterly vocabulary. His art, in every medium, dazzles us with the riches of his cultural heritage, weaving fears, hopes, comedy and tragedy into works that reflect his deep understanding of the human condition.

Central to Chagall's vision were a number of recurring themes, concerns and leitmotifs, which fascinated and beguiled him endlessly, reappearing in various forms and guises across the decades. This selection of works explores several key strands that dominated his *oeuvre*: the rhythms and rituals of Vitebsk, the town of his youth; the dazzling, tragicomic world of the circus; the heroic figures of myth, legend and religion; the universal questions of identity and legacy; and above all else, the enduring power of love. Not only the romantic love he portrays in the forms of floating couples or maternités, but the wider love that embraces all of mankind and all living things: 'Everything can and will be transformed in life and in art, if we speak the word love without shame...In it lies true art: that is my technique, my religion; the new and old religion handed down to us from times long past' (Chagall quoted in F. Meyer, *Marc Chagall,* London, 1964, p. 591).

It is a great honour for Christie's to be entrusted with this rare grouping of work, formerly in the artist's estate and never before offered for sale. Please see christies.com for a more in depth examination of the key themes as well as the online sale of *Marc Chagall, Colour of Life: Books & Prints Formerly from the Artist's Estate.*



Marc Chagall in his house, Vence, France, 1957. Photograph by Franz Hubmann. Photo: © akg-images / IMAGNO/Franz Hubmann. Artwork: © ADAGP, Paris and DACS, London 2022.



λ***1**

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

Vision du peintre au double visage

signed 'Marc Chagall' (lower centre) gouache, tempera, pastel and India ink on paper 31% x 22% in. (79.5 x 57.7 cm.) Executed in 1978-1980

£150,000-250,000 US\$190,000-310,000 €180,000-290,000

PROVENANCE: The estate of the artist, and thence by descent.

The Comité Marc Chagall has confirmed the authenticity of this work.

'I chose painting: it was as essential to me as food. It seemed to me like a window through which I could fly to another world.'





λ***2** MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

Coq sur fond rouge entre Paris et Vitebsk

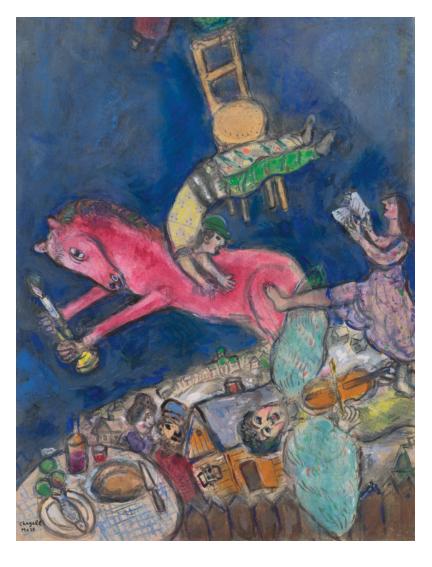
signed and dated 'Marc Chagall 1981' (lower right) gouache, pastel, pen and India ink and coloured ink on paper 20½ x 26¾ in. (51.5 x 68 cm.) Executed in 1981

PROVENANCE:

The estate of the artist, and thence by descent.

The Comité Marc Chagall has confirmed the authenticity of this work.

£120,000-180,000 US\$160,000-230,000 €150,000-210,000



λ***3**

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

Esquisse pour Le cheval rouge

signed 'Chagall Marc' (lower left) gouache, pastel and pencil on paper 16¼ x 12½ in. (41 x 31.7 cm.) Executed in 1938-1944 **PROVENANCE:** The estate of the artist, and thence by descent.

The Comité Marc Chagall has confirmed the authenticity of this work.

£200,000-300,000 US\$260,000-380,000 €240,000-350,000

λ***4**

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

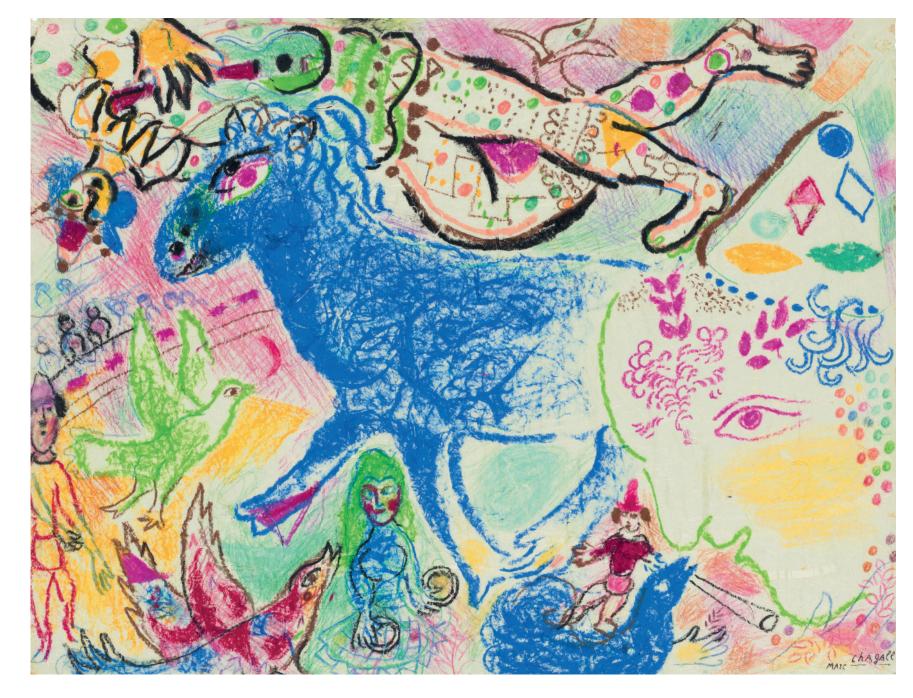
Clown et cheval bleu

signed 'Marc Chagall' (lower right) pastel and coloured crayon on mulberry Japan paper 20% x 26% in. (52.7 x 68 cm.) Executed in 1960 at Brandeis University, New York

£80,000-120,000 US\$110,000-150,000 €94,000-140,000

PROVENANCE: The estate of the artist, and thence by descent.

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λ***5**

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

Le peintre et les mariés aux trois couleurs

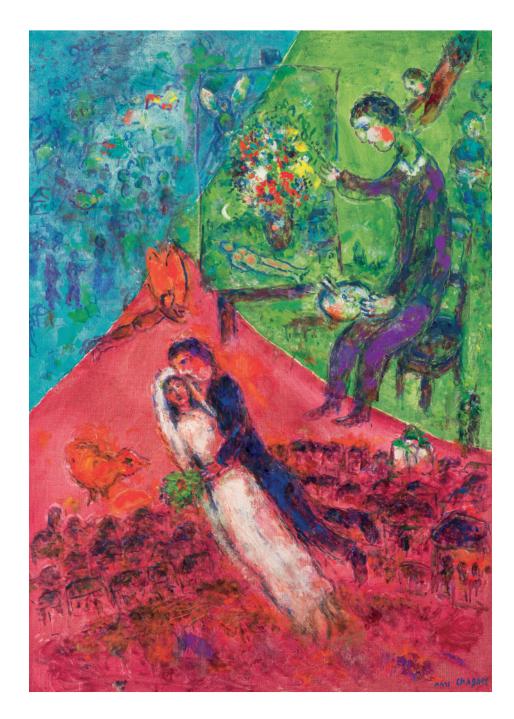
signed 'Marc Chagall' (lower right); signed again 'Marc Chagall' (on the reverse) oil and tempera on canvas 45½ x 31% in. (116 x 81 cm.) Painted in 1984

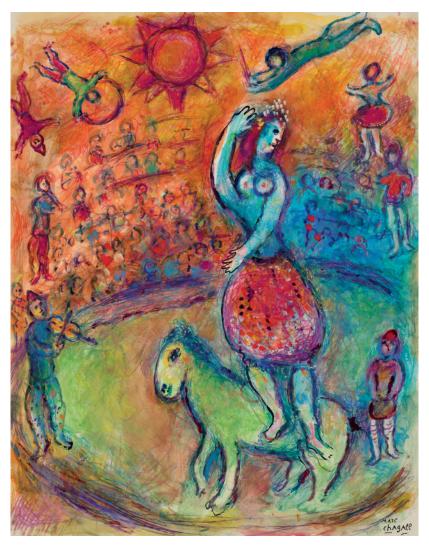
£1,000,000-2,000,000 US\$1,300,000-2,500,000 €1,200,000-2,300,000

PROVENANCE: The estate of the artist, and thence by descent.

The Comité Marc Chagall has confirmed the authenticity of this work.

'My paintings are my memories'





λ***6** MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

Ecuyère sur cheval vert au cirque

signed 'Marc Chagall' (lower right) gouache, pastel, India ink, coloured ink, coloured crayon and pencil on paper 25½ x 20½ in. (65 x 51.2 cm.) Executed in 1979-1980 **PROVENANCE:** The estate of the artist, and thence by descent.

The Comité Marc Chagall has confirmed the authenticity of this work.

£200,000-300,000 US\$260,000-380,000 €240,000-350,000



λ***7**

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

Etude pour Le soleil rouge

signed 'Chagall' (lower centre) gouache, pastel and brush and India ink on paper 12% x 10 in. (31.6 x 25.4 cm.) Executed *circa* 1949 **PROVENANCE:** The estate of the artist, and thence by descent.

The Comité Marc Chagall has confirmed the authenticity of this work.

£30,000-50,000 US\$38,000-63,000 €36,000-59,000

λ***8**

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

Le peintre, la mariée et son tableau ou Couple et violoniste

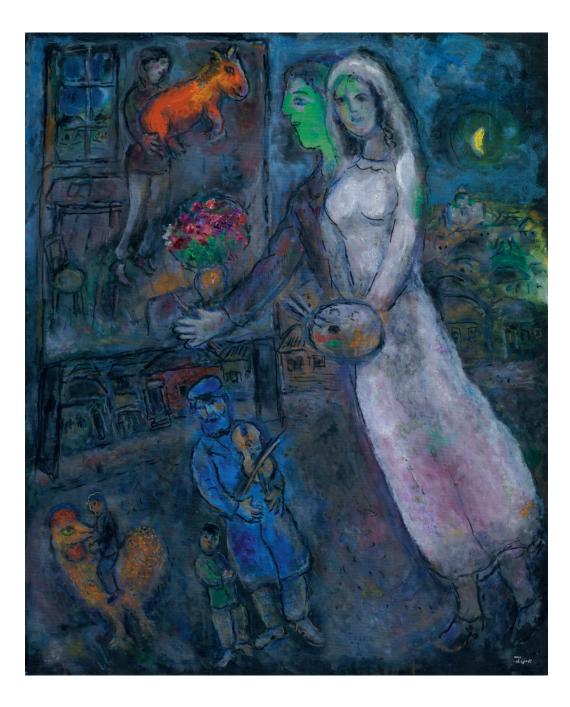
stamped with the signature 'Marc Chagall' (lower right) oil, tempera and India ink on canvas 39½ x 31‰ in. (100.3 x 81 cm.) Painted *circa* 1970-1975

£1,200,000-1,800,000 US\$1,600,000-2,300,000 €1,500,000-2,100,000

PROVENANCE: The estate of the artist, and thence by descent.

The Comité Marc Chagall has confirmed the authenticity of this work.

'Art seems to me to be above all a state of soul.'





λ***9** MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

Le peintre et les mariés

signed and dated 'Marc Chagall 1980' (lower right); signed and dated 'Chagall 1981' (on the reverse) tempera and India ink on masonite 21% x 18% in. (55 x 46 cm.) Executed in 1980

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£120,000-180,000 US\$160,000-230,000 €150,000-210,000



λ***10**

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

Rencontre autour d'un bouquet de glaïeuls et pivoines

signed 'Marc Chagall' (lower right) gouache, tempera, pastel and India ink on paper 25½ x 21% in. (64.8 x 54.8 cm.) Executed *circa* 1975

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£120,000-180,000 US\$160,000-230,000 €150,000-210,000

λ***11**

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

L'inspiration du peintre au chevalet

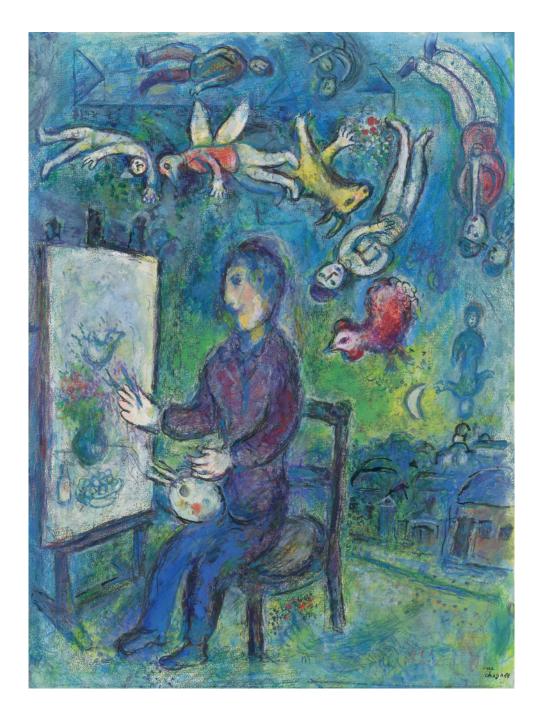
stamped with the signature 'Marc Chagall' (lower right) gouache, pastel, coloured crayon, brush and India ink and pencil paper 25% x 19% in. (66.2 x 49.2 cm.) Executed in 1977

£150,000-200,000 US\$190,000-250,000 €180,000-240,000

PROVENANCE: The estate of the artist, and thence by descent.

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'If I create from the heart, nearly everything works; if from the head, almost nothing.'



λ***12**

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

Amoureux et bouquet dans le ciel signed 'Chagall' (lower right); signed and dated 'Chagall

1981' (on the reverse) tempera and coloured crayon on masonite 12% x 16¼ in. (32.2 x 41 cm.) Executed in 1981

£120,000-180,000 US\$160,000-230,000 €150,000-210,000

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λ***13**

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

Chèvre bleue au-dessus de la fête au village en rose

stamped with the signature 'Marc Chagall' (lower right) gouache, pastel and brush and India ink on paper 25¾ x 19‰ in. (65.3 x 50.3 cm.) Executed *circa* 1981

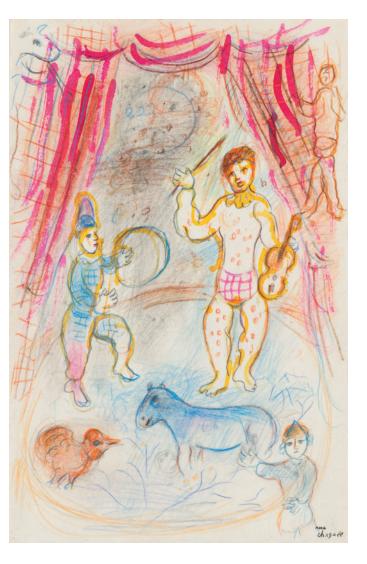
£100,000-150,000 US\$130,000-190,000 €120,000-180,000

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'Poets always use the same letters, but out of them they constantly recreate different words.'







λ***14**

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

Musiciens, jongleur et animaux au cirque

stamped with the signature 'Marc Chagall' (lower right) coloured ink, pastel, coloured pencils and pencil on Japan paper 20½ x 13¼ in. (52 x 33.5 cm.) Executed *circa* 1977-1978

PROVENANCE:

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The Comité Marc Chagall has confirmed the authenticity of this work.

£40,000-60,000 US\$51,000-75,000 €47,000-71,000

λ***15**

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

A Vava Chagall, citoyenne d'honneur des Collines à Vence

signed and dated 'Marc Chagall 1962 (lower left), signed, dated and inscribed 'Marc Chagall À Mme Vava Chagall, Citoyenne d'Honneur des Collines à Vence, 1962 16/4' (lower left) pastel, gouache and India ink on velum laid on panel 18% x 22% in. (46 x 58 cm.) Executed in April 1962

PROVENANCE:

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The Comité Marc Chagall has confirmed the authenticity of this work.

£80,000-120,000 US\$110,000-150,000 €94,000-140,000

λ***16**

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

Fête autour de l'arc en ciel signed 'Chagall' (centre right); signed again 'Chagall' (inverted; upper right) gouache, tempera, pastel, coloured ink and pencil on paper 25% x 19% in. (65.3 x 50.5 cm.) Executed *circa* 1982

£100,000-150,000 US\$130,000-190,000 €120,000-180,000

PROVENANCE: The estate of the artist, and thence by descent.

The Comité Marc Chagall has confirmed the authenticity of this work.

'When I opened my eyes for the first time in my life I met a whole world, the town, the house, which little by little became fixed in me for always.'



λ***17**

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

David et Bethsabée

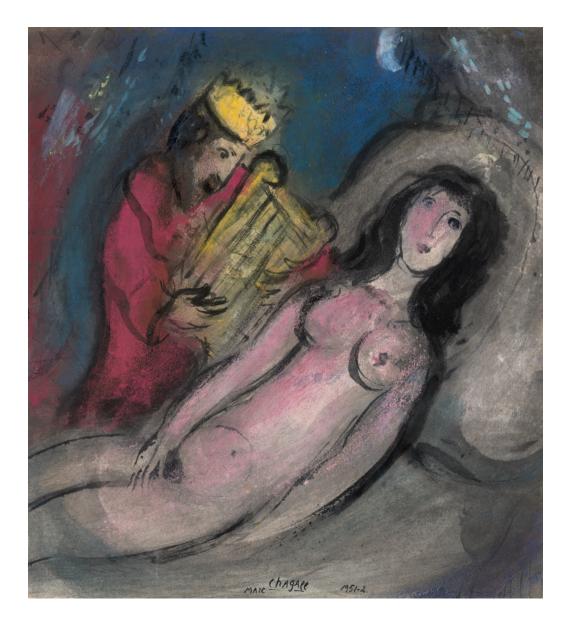
signed and dated 'Marc Chagall 1951-2.' (lower centre) gouache, pastel, brush and India ink and wash on paper 18% x 17¼ in. (48.2 x 43.8 cm.) Executed in 1951-1952

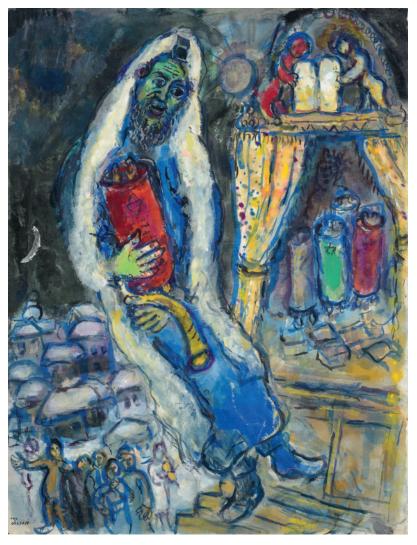
£30,000-50,000 US\$38,000-63,000 €36,000-59,000

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'In the East I found the Bible and part of my own being...I did not see the Bible [as an object or artifact]. I dreamed it. Ever since my early childhood, I have been captivated by the Bible. It has always seemed to me and still seems today the greatest source of poetry of all times.'





λ***18** MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

Juif à la thora

stamped with the signature 'Marc Chagall' (lower left) gouache, tempera, brush and India ink and coloured ink on Japan paper 29% x 22% in. (75.5 x 57.8 cm.) Executed in Gstaad in January - February 1971 **PROVENANCE:** The estate of the artist, and thence by descent.

The Comité Marc Chagall has confirmed the authenticity of this work.

£60,000-80,000 US\$76,000-100,000 €71,000-94,000



λ***19**

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985) Les mariés guidés par le roi David

stamped with signature 'Marc Chagall' (lower right)

gouache, tempera, brush and ink and wash on paper 29½ x 23½ in. (75 x 58.5 cm.) Executed *circa* 1978

PROVENANCE: The estate of the artist, and thence by descent.

The Comité Marc Chagall has confirmed the authenticity of this work.

£40,000-60,000 US\$51,000-75,000 €47,000-71,000

λ***20**

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

L'inspiration multicolore du peintre

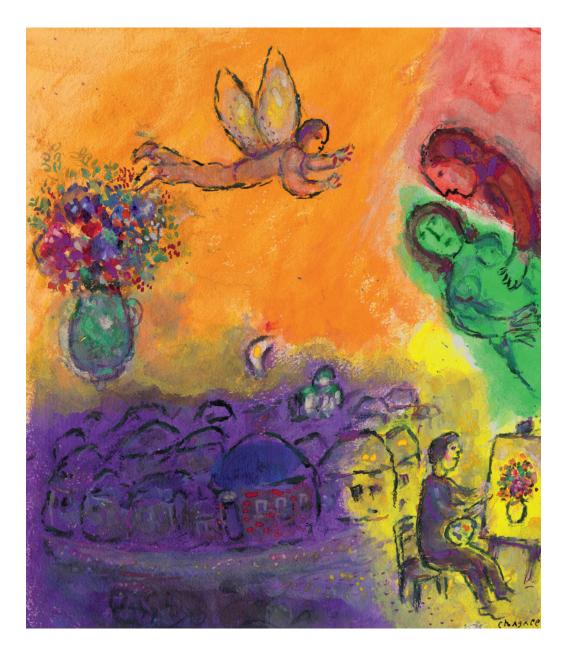
signed 'Chagall' (lower right) gouache, coloured ink and brush and India ink on paper 23¼ x 20½ in. (59 x 50.9 cm.) Executed in 1979-1980

£60,000-80,000 US\$76,000-100,000 €71,000-94,000

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'I am often asked: what do you call colour and its chemistry? The same can be said about colour as is said about music: The depth of colour goes through the eyes and remains within the soul, in the same way that music enters the ear and stays in the soul.'





MARC CHAGALL QUOTES

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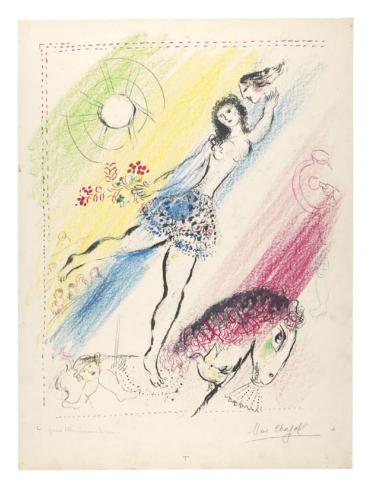
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MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985) L'Ecuyère

signed 'Marc Chagall' (lower right), inscribed 'Epreuve litho rehaussée à la main' (lower left) lithograph in colours hand-coloured in pastel, on wove paper Executed in November 1964 Sheet 761 x 564 mm.

£30,000-50,000 US\$38,000-63,000 €36,000-59,000

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985) Le magicien de Paris I

signed 'Marc Chagall' in pencil (lower right), inscribed 'lithographie aquarelle et collage' (lower left) gouache with printed fabric collage on lithograph in black, on wove paper Executed in November 1967 Sheet 964 x 705 mm.

£40,000-60,000 US\$51,000-76,000 €47,000-70,000



MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985) La Chasse à l'Oiseau bleu

signed 'Marc Chagall' (lower right), inscribed 'Lithographie rehausseé aquarelle et pastel' (lower left) gouache and pastel on lithograph in colours, on wove paper Executed in November 1969 Sheet 595 x 500 mm.

£25,000-35,000 US\$32,000-44,000 €30,000-41,000



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pastel and gouache on lithograph in black, on wove paper Executed in October 1971 Sheet 765 x 593 mm.

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£30,000-50,000 US\$38,000-63,000 €36,000-59,000

d'essai à la main' (lower left)

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985) L'Auge II

signed `Chagall Marc' in ink (lower left) gouache on lithograph, on wove paper Executed *circa* 1924-27 Sheet 377 x 292 mm.

£10,000-15,000 US\$13,000-19,000 €12,000-18,000



MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

signed 'Marc Chagall' (lower right), inscribed 'epreuve

Le jardin de Pomone (autour de Sur la Terre des Dieux)

signed 'Marc Chagall' (lower right), inscribed 'lithographie et pastel/Le jardin de Pomone' (lower left and centre) lithograph hand-coloured in pastel, on wove paper Executed in 1968 Sheet 660 x 495 mm.

£20,000-30,000 US\$26,000-38,000 €24,000-35,000

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

Autoportrait

lithograph in colours, 1974, on *Japon nacré* paper, signed in pencil, numbered IV/X, one of ten artist's proof aside from the edition of fifty on Arches Image 590 x 450 mm. Sheet 760 x 520 mm.

£12,000-18,000 US\$16,000-23,000 €15,000-21,000





MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985) La Pirouette bleue

signed 'Marc Chagall' (lower right), inscribed 'Epreuve d'artiste rehaussée pastel' (lower left) pastel on lithograph in black, on wove paper Executed in November 1966 Sheet 515 x 380 mm.

£15,000-25,000 US\$19,000-32,000 €18,000-29,000

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985) La petite Fenêtre

lithograph in colours, 1974, on *Japon nacré* paper, signed in pencil, inscribed `épreuve d'artiste', numbered IV/XII, an artist's proof aside from the edition of fifty on Arches paper, published by Maeght, Paris Image 330 x 250 mm. Sheet 545 x 405 mm.

£4,000-6,500 US\$5,100-8,200 €4,800-7,700





MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985) Lumière d'Atelier

lithograph in colours, 1976, on *Japon nacré* paper, signed in pencil, numbered IX/XII, an artist's proof aside from the edition of fifty on Arches paper Image 520 x 400 mm. Sheet 745 x 525 mm.

£10,000-15,000 US\$13,000-19,000 €12,000-18,000

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985) La Poétesse

lithograph in colours, 1972, on wove paper, signed in pencil, inscribed E.A., an artist's proof aside from the edition of fifty Image 440 x 350 mm. Sheet 652 x 505 mm.

£6,500-10,000 US\$8,300-13,000 €7,700-12,000





MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985) Double Portrait au Chevalet

lithograph in colours, 1976, on *Japon nacré* paper, signed in pencil, numbered XI/XV, an artist's proof aside from the edition of fifty on Arches paper Image 340 x 260 mm. Sheet 560 x 430 mm.

£4,000-6,500 US\$5,100-8,200 €4,800-7,700

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985)

Les Trois Acrobates

lithograph in colours, 1957, on wove paper, signed in pencil, numbered 7/75 ${\rm Image}\,635\,x\,483\,mm.$ Sheet $660\,x\,505\,mm.$

£4,000-6,000 US\$5,100-7,500 €4,800-7,100





MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985) Adam, Ève et le Serpent

lithograph in colours, 1977, on *Japon nacré* paper, signed in pencil, numbered X/X, an artist's proof aside from the edition of fifty on Arches paper, published by Maeght, Paris Image 410 x 310 mm. Sheet 610 x 455 mm.

£8,000-12,000 US\$11,000-15,000 €9,400-14,000

MARC CHAGALL (1887-1985) L'Artiste I

lithograph in colours, 1978, on Japan nacre paper, signed in pencil, numbered VI/VII, an artist's proof aside from the numbered edition of fifty (there were also four printer's proofs) Image 345 x 270 mm. Sheet 485 x 380 mm.

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