

EMBARGOED UNTIL TUESDAY 5th MAY 2026

Olympia Auctions announces Indian and Islamic Art Auction featuring the collection of Robert Skelton OBE



An illustration to a Nayika series, Guler
circa 1770-80.
£1,000 - £1,500



Francis Newton Souza (1924 -2002)
Untitled (Head)
£6.000 - £8.000

London – Olympia Auctions is pleased to present its forthcoming Indian and Islamic Art auction on Wednesday 20 May at 11am at 25 Blythe Road, London.

At the heart of the auction is the private collection of Robert Skelton (1929–2022), one of the foremost scholars of Indian Art. Through his career at the Victoria and Albert Museum and decades of scholarship, Skelton helped develop international understanding of Indian painting, sculpture and decorative arts.

The works from his personal collection are both a reflection of his friendships with Indian artists at the end of 20th century, several of whose works feature in the collection, as well as a lifetime of study of Indian painting and decorative arts of the Sultanate and Mughal periods (13th to 19th centuries).

Highlights from the collection of Robert Skelton, OBE

- A Mughal Cuerda Seca Tile from the Tomb of Madani, Srinagar, mid-17th century – £4,000–6,000
- A Standing Lady, Deccan, probably Hyderabad, 18th century – £1,500–2,000
- Two Ladies on Horses, Chamba, 18th century – £1,000–1,500
- A Rare Small Pala Bronze Figure of Marici, Bihar or Bengal, circa 12th century – £500–700
- An illustration to a Nayika series, Guler, circa 1770-80 - £1,000 - £1,500

- Francis Newton Souza (1924 - 2002) Untitled (Head) - £6,000 - £8,000
- K. Laxma Goud Untitled (Telangana peasants) - £2,000 - £3,000
- Dhruva Mistry (1957) Untitled (reclining nude), terracotta - £700 - £1,000
- Howard Hodgkin (1932 - 2017) Moon 1987 £800 - £1,200

Click [here](#) to view catalogue

Public Exhibition

Sunday 17 May, 12pm–4pm
Monday 18 May, 10am–8pm
Tuesday 19 May, 10am–5pm

Auction

Wednesday 20 May, 11am
Olympia Auctions
25 Blythe Road, London W14 0PD

Enquiries

Nicholas Shaw, Head of Sale
Arthur Millner, Senior Consultant
Lara Defries, Administrator
+44 (0)20 7806 5541
indianandislamic@olympiaauctions.com

Press Enquiries

Antonia Grace
antonia.grace@olympiaauctions.com
020 7806 5541